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Carovano resigns; Rice takes over

In a surprise decision, President J. Martin Carovano announced his resignation today, effective May 31, 1984. In a letter sent to the Board of Trustees, Carovano cited personal reasons for the move but did not reveal his future plans as he refused to answer reporters' questions. Dean of the College C. Duncan Rice, who earlier announced his resignation for personal reasons, will serve as interim president.

Carovano came to Hamilton in 1963 as an instructor of economics after graduating from Pomona College and receiving a M.A.

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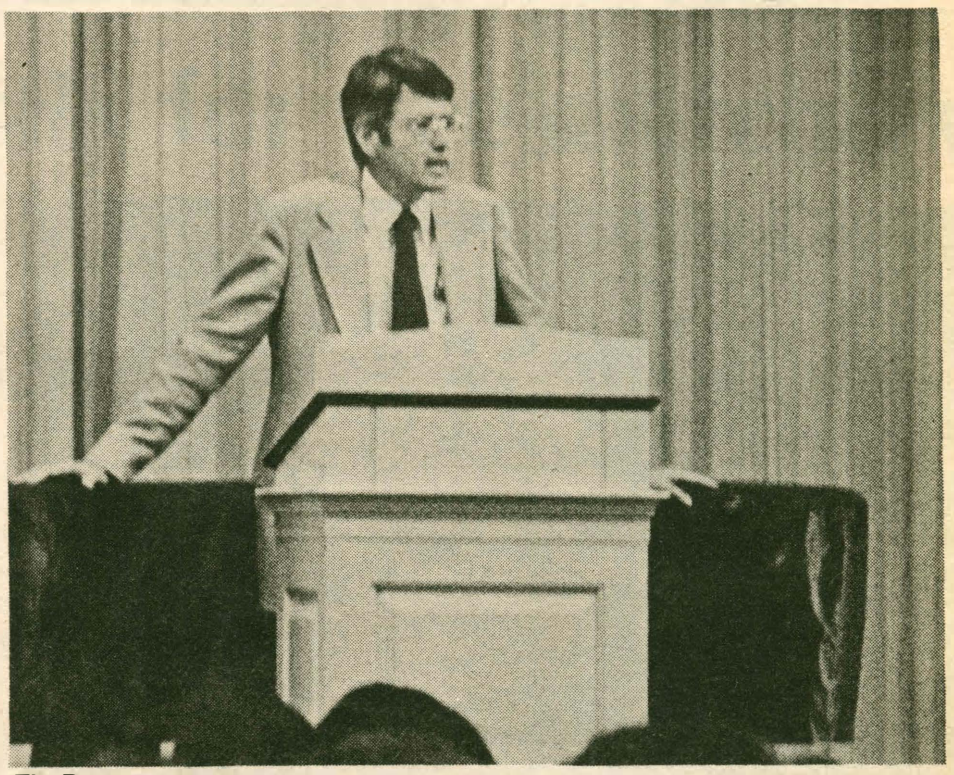
and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. Carovano was promoted to assistant professor in 1965 and associate professor in 1969. In 1971 he was named acting provost of the college and a year later appointed provost.

Following the resignation of former president John W. Chandler in March of 1973, Carovano was named interim president for the 1974 school year. At this point, the College underwent a lengthy search for a successor to Chandler culminating in the announcement that Joseph J. Sisco would take over the presidency.

A month later, however, Sisco announced that he would have to turn down the post for a position in the State Department. Carovano was named the 16th president of Hamilton College five months later.

Caravano, 47, has presided over Hamilton during a period of time in which the College has perhaps undergone its most intense transformation — the Kirkland-Hamilton merger, the construction of several important buildings, and the raising of a healthy endowment. Most recently, Carovano announced, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, the beginning of an ambitious $29 million fund-raising effort.

Rice came to Hamilton in 1979 as Dean of the College. He received his M.A. at Aberdeen University and his Ph.D. from Edinburgh University. He, too, refused to comment on the move until the Board of Trustees reviews the matter during the Trustee meeting this weekend. There has been no announcement as to who will take over Rice's former post.



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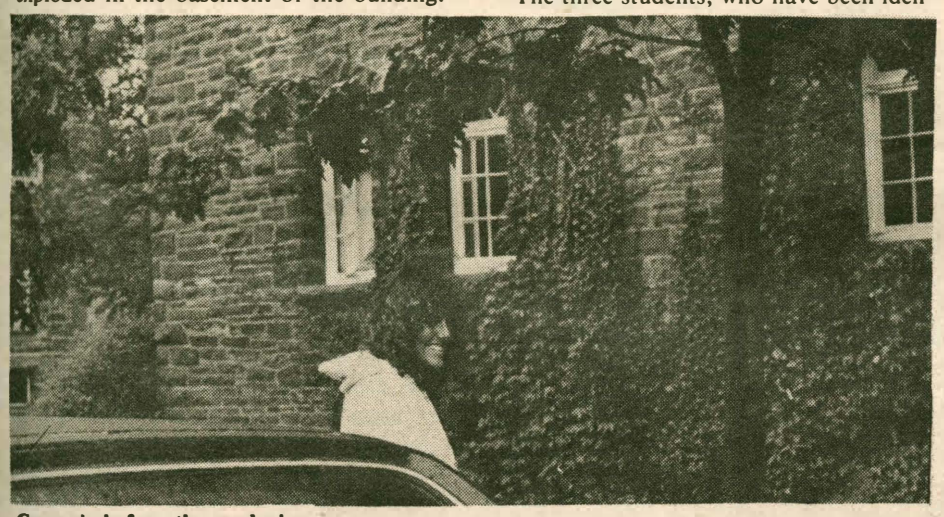
Carnegie explosion kills three students

Three Hamilton students were killed while their roommate escaped serious injury after their Carnegie room on the first-floor (North side) went up in flames after a boiler exploded in the basement of the building.

No other damage was reported in the building in the bizarre and unfortunate incident, which occurred at 3:15 am Friday morning.

The three students, who have been identified as Thomas James Sweeney of Carmel, New York; Sal Carmen Angotti of Syracuse, New York; and Clark McCauley Greene of Binghamton, were asleep in their room when the explosion arrived. Security personnel, medics and the Clinton Fire Department rushed to the scene, but the three were pronounced dead on arrival at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Utica.



Carnegie before the explosion

As investigators began sifting through the damage in Carnegie 112 in the early morning hours, preliminary tests have determined that the cause of the explosion can be traced to the ancient boiler system in the basement of Carnegie. The system, which was installed in 1943, was modernized about ten years ago when the college installed a more cost-saving and energy-preserving system. However, the old basic system is relatively intact, and the modernizing process did not extend into the inners of the system.

Ironically enough, several students who live in Carnegie have complained about the system — one that is noisy and often shakes the building during normal working hours. Security personnel with knowledge on the subject could not be reached for comment at the early hour, but those at the scene acknowledged that they were aware of the complaints but had not looked into the matter.

At present, the auxiliary boiler system in the building is functioning, having switched on after the initial explosion. Investigators at the scene also could not explain why no other damage occurred in the building, although occupants of Carnegie were obviously aware of the explosion. Members of the Hamilton community are advised to stay clear of the immediate area while investigators work.

The sole occupant of the room who survived, William Bunke, was in the all-night reading room at the time and was unaware of the accident until he returned home later in the morning. He could not be reached for comment.

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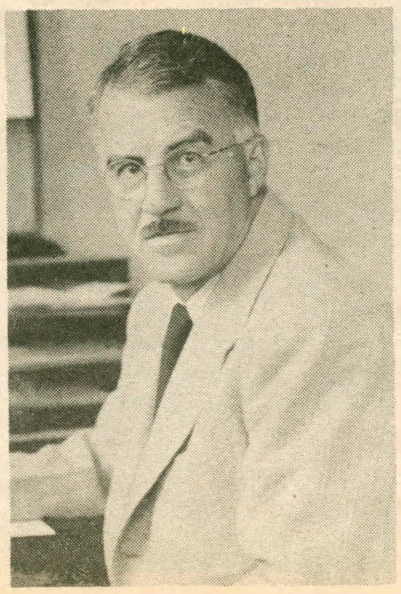

Sig turns coed

The brothers of Sigma Phi announced today that their House will admit women beginning in the spring of 1984. In a surprise decision Sig members voted 40-3 in favor of the move. Sig president George Grunebaum said, "We discussed the problems of sexism and white, male, anti-intellectual dominance on campus, and we decided to follow our tradition of being the first in everything by admitting women."

The Sig tradition of being first with progressive change goes back to the appearance of Sig at Hamilton as the first Greek house. Sig displaced the existing "literary societies" with its very selective admission standards.

"We are not lowering our admission standards by allowing women in; we are simply being the progressive, intellectual force on campus we always have been," said Sig member Eric Erickson. Erickson, Sig social chairperson, cited the increase in Sig-sponsored lectures and the decline of debouchery as examples of the progressive, and intellectual direction of the House.

Unconfirmed reports claim that Sig was forced to go co-ed because of severe financial difficulties. The report went on to say that Sig owed $650,000 dollars to school officials.

In other news, Bill Bristol, chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the College, and an active trustee for Sigma Phi, said today

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Christmas proves costly for tree-snatchers

by **Beth Softness**

Over $5,000 worth of damage to college grounds in a 24-hour period is a figure that will shock many students — especially when they discover the cause. While some, in an effort to create a more festive dorm atmosphere, may be satisfied with a cardboard Santa and reindeer decoration, others opt for a real Christmas tree. Instead of buying a tree, some ax-wielding students found trees right on college grounds.

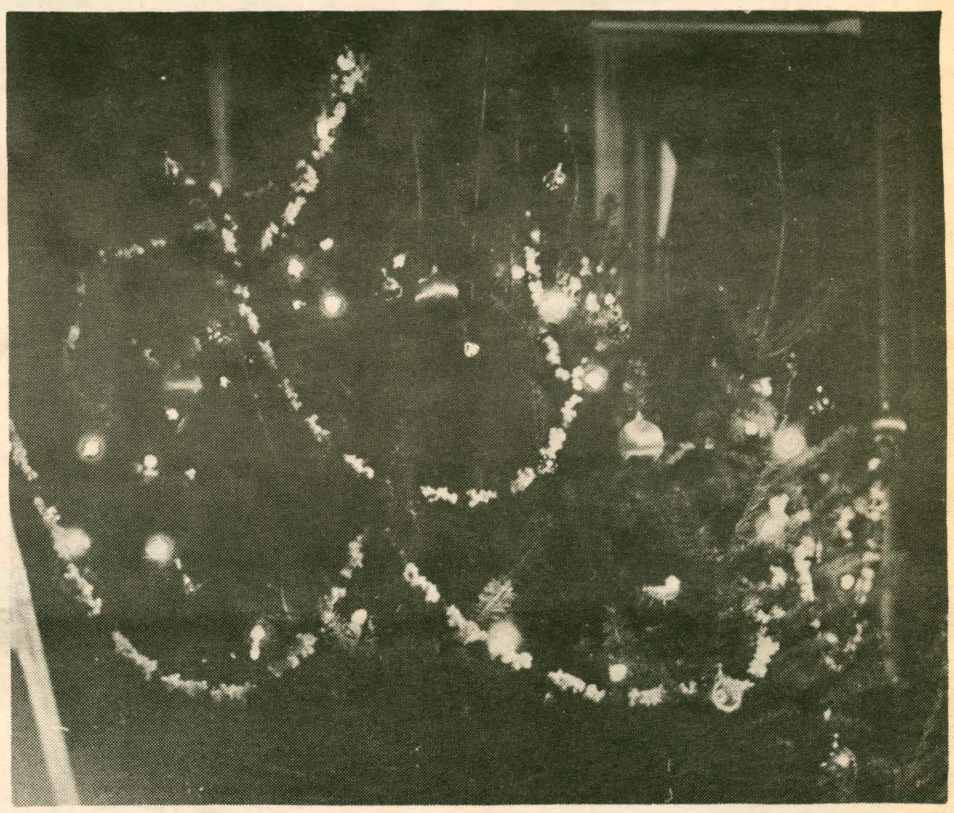
One tree, a Colorado Blue Spruce located on College Hill Road below Anderson Road, was chopped down early in the morning on Thursday, December 1. Terry Hawkridge, master gardener of the college, reported that the tree is 6''-7'' in caliber (i.e. diameter) and is 12'-14' tall. In the industry this spruce is known as a "heavy specimen," a tree that is extra-full. Students apparently dragged the tree behind Bundy, through the Glen and up to the Emerson Literary Society.

Tony Hallak, president of ELS, said that this is "not a house-sponsored incident." Hallak also said that ELS does not condone the act which happened out of ignorance, not maliciousness. Because the four individuals respondible for cutting down the tree turned themselves in, this disciplinary case was settled without a Judiciary Board hearing. Not only must these students pay for the tree, but they are also on disciplinary probation and will have to work for Hawkridge. The tree will be replaced in the spring and will cost approximately $1,900.

The next victim was a 4''-5'' caliber, 10'-12' White Spruce located on Campus Road and the golf course. The estimated replacement value of this tree totals $1,480. Monty Pooley, chairperson of the J-Board, said that some first-year students have turned themselves in. Pooley and Jane Jervis, dean of students, have discussed this case and have unofficially reached a tentative agreement consistent with the ELS decision.

A Norway Spruce, located outside the mail center on the south court facing Commons, is the most visible loss. No one has admitted to chopping off the top of this 30' tree, but evidence suggests that residents of Dunham are responsible for this vandalism. Unless the individuals who hurt this tree turn themselves in, Dunham residents may have to split the estimated $1,981.32 price tag.

Frank Ferraro, the president of the Nurserymen's (sic) Association of New York State prepared the estimates. Hawkridge said that Ferraro is regarded as a prestigious person in the trade. and that these figures are "credible and incredible." The costs include the price of the nursery-grown tree, the delivery, the labor for planting, and a guaranteee to insure the health of the tree. Because a portion of the Norway Spruce remains, the tree is salvageable. To estimate the cost of the damage, Hawkridge used a formula which takes into account variables such as the size of the species, the location (i.e. alone or clustered) and the percentage of damage. In addition, Hawkridge must determine the cost of tree surgery over a four-year period. Hawkridge said that unless he carefully moniters and regulates the growth of the tree, three or four of the lateral branches may take on vertical characteristics and ruin the symmetry of the tree.



This tree cost $1,480

Both Hawkridge and Mary Detweiler, assistant dean of students, stress that these trees were probably cut down out of ignorance, rather than malicious intent. An

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Winter offers new learning experiences

by **Andy Griswold**

Ten visiting professors will be offering courses at Hamilton during the winter term. The services of these visitors allow the College to offer special courses not available in the spring or fall, expanding the range of course offerings beyond its usual bounds. The professors coming to the Hill this January have a variety of motives to teach in the Hamilton Winter Term. Two are professors emeritus of Hamilton who will be offering courses in their area of interest, and three others are Hamilton or Kirkland graduates who will share their knowledge of a particular field of study. The Theatre and Dance Department has attracted two practicing dramatic artists who now have an opportunity to teach liberal arts college students. Other professors who come to Hamilton in January are often from schools who do not have a 4-1-4 schedule, and these professors are attracted by the winter term teaching experience.

The selection of visiting professors for winter term is made in the previous spring by the Faculty Committeee on Academic Policy. The committee encourages academic departments to submit winter term course suggestions and information about instructors who would be willing to teach these courses. Because the winter term is intended to be a time in which students can explore subjects outside their main field of study, the committee seeks introductory-level courses which will have a broad appeal for the student body. For the same reasons, winter term courses are designed not to duplicate course material offered in the fall and spring. The number of visiting professors coming to the Hill is determined by budgetary limitations and the College's success in attracting winter visitors. This January, eight departments will have the services of ten visiting professors.

The professors emeritus returning to the Hill in January are Channing Richardson of the government department and David Ellis of the history department. Richardson, professor emeritus of international affairs with a PH.D. from Columbia, will be teaching a course on the politics of South Africa, Angola, and Zimbabwe and the relations of those countries with the superpowers. Ellis, who is a Hamilton alumnus and professor emeritus of American history, will be teaching the history of New York State.

Two other visiting professors in addition to Ellis are Hamilton alumni, and one is an alumna of Kirkland College. David K. Smith, who is also a lab assistant in the geology department, will explore the problems of permanent radioactive waste

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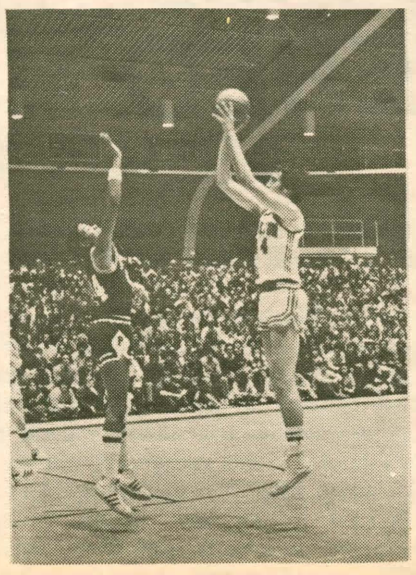

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Moss speaks of those scary Soviets

by Adam Pelzman

Sponsored by the Root-Jessup Public Affairs Council, economist, novelist, and political advisor Robert Moss gave a lecture on Wednesday in the Chapel. In a straightforward and humor-filled lecture, Moss covered subjects including US/USSR relations, the nuclear predicament, NATO, the deployment of US missiles in Europe, and possible nuclear freeze. All of these precarious subjects, he declared, are a direct result of the Soviet personality.

Moss described the Soviet government as a "dark cavern," unclear and unpredictable. He stressed its undeniable irrationality, evidenced by the recent "mad bombing" of the Korean airliner. Continuing to define the Soviet personality, Moss stressed its rejuvenated ruthlessness. In an interesting theory, the lecturer suggested the coming of a "New Stalinism" in the USSR. Implying a Soviet role in the assassination attempt of the Pope, Moss compared the now sickly Andropov to the late Joseph Stalin. Moss "accused" the Soviet Union of no longer being a Communist state. He says that the new government is dictatorial, and, in order to retain power, continues to inculcate its people with Marxist ideals. Moss believes that the belligerent personality of the Soviet Union is the cause of current world problems.

Concerning US/USSR relations, Moss attributes the many problems to an ideological difference in the definition of peace. He stated that the Soviet peace objective is to achieve a degree of power that would make the world dependant on the USSR; he attributes this partially to the Communist world quest and to Soviet paranoia as a result of World War invasions. The American view of peace, however, is completely different. According to Moss, America will achieve it when it is secure in the knowledge that the Soviet Union will not attempt to wage war. Because "we are engaged in a struggle for peace," he said, the conflicts will continue.

Robert Moss

Moss also blamed current NATO instability on Soviet behavior. Many NATO members find Soviet aggression so appalling that they have difficulty dealing with it, he suggested. Driven by this fear, they switch the blame to the United States — a nation with whom they can openly communicate. Moss, however, stressed the continuing strength of NATO in the face of this problem. "Many people understand that we are in danger of the greatest totalitarian war machine ever," he proclaimed. Moss believes that NATO unity has been reinforced as a result of recent deployment of US missiles in Europe — a serious setback to the USSR.

Robert Moss then moved on to the much debated issue of nuclear weapons. He attacked current nuclear discussions, claiming that they revolve too much around "apocalyptic fear" and not enough around "cold, hard facts." Moss defended the stability that nuclear weapons bring, citing the absence of a nuclear attack since its initial use in 1945 in Japan and the avoidance of a war between major powers for thirty-five years — the longest period of peace in the twentieth century.

Not believing in the possibility of a nuclear holocaust, Mr. Moss defended the deployment of missiles in Europe. In the presence of "anti-Euromissiles" banners in the Chapel, he systematically presented reasons for deployment. Moss reasoned that the "Soviets will respect the balance of deterrence and a show of power." He denied the accusations that the missiles are for first-strike purposes. (For those unsure of the terminology, first strike does not just mean shooting first; instead, it signifies the ability to wipe out enough of an opponent's force so they cannot counterattack with "significant" force.) The number of "Euromissiles," Moss stated, is so relatively few that it could never achieve a first-strike capability. Finally Moss addressed the "mass" protesting in Europe by stating that less than 3 percent of the voting population is involved. Because of the omnipresent Soviet threat, most Europeans advocate deployment, he stated.

The final topic in Moss' address dealt with the much-proposed nuclear freeze. On this issue, Moss was strictly pessimistic. A freeze, he argued, would "vastly magnify the importance of the Soviet conventional (weapons) advantage," instigate the further development of germ warfare, and give the USSR more time "to develop defenses against our subs." Most importantly, he stressed, the US will have absolutely no way of monitoring Soviet adherence to the past. "Soviets enter agreements to achieve benefits that will fulfill their own desires," he stated.

How to afford going to this college

by Laurie Semple

"Some of the best things in life are free." Whoever coined that expression probably never attended college. An estimated $89 billion will be spent for education at colleges and universities during the 1983-84 academic year. Nevertheless, hope does exist for those Hamilton students who are unable to finance their education. There are, however, several rules and guidelines that one must be aware of before receiving financial aid.

Financial aid doesn't just happen. Kenneth Kogut, director of financial aid, points out that the easiest way *not* to receive aid is simply not to apply. The student must take the initiative in obtaining the necessary information and application forms and meeting all deadlines. Since financial aid is awarded on a yearly basis, students already receiving financial assistance must reapply annually to continue receiving aid.

The College and both state and federal governments all provide Hamilton students with sources of aid. The U.S. Department of Education offers five major financial aid programs: Pell grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), College Work-Study (CWS), National Direct Student Loans (NDSL), and Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL)/PLUS loans. General eligibility requirements are as follows: (1) at least half-time enrollment as a regular student; (2) U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizenship; (3) satisfactory academic progress; (4) not being in default on an NDSL, GSL, or PLUS loan at Hamilton; and (5) demonstrable proof of financial need. Financial need is the difference between an individual's cost of education and the amount that student and his/her parents can afford to contribute, as determined by a standard formula. Factors such as income, assets and benefits, as evaluated on the aid application, are all used to determine one's financial need.

The latest regulation of primary importance to federal aid is the Solomon Amendment to the Military Selective Service Act. The amendment requires that all students sign a statement of registration compliance before they may receive any Title IV financial aid (that financial assistance mentioned above). Kogut also clarified an important point: *women must also sign the compliance form* stating that they are not required to register with the Selective Service because they are female. That may sound like a triviality, but *if you don't sign it, you don't get it.*

Kogut stated that although the College is forced to comply with the new regulation, it will not affect state financial aid programs or Hamilton scholarships and loans. New York State residents may apply for aid through the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), which is based on need and minimal levels of academic progress; other states have their own loans, grants, and scholarships. The College also has a student employment program, scholarship programs based on need and/or achievement, and several loan funds.

It is important to emphasize meeting all deadlines on time. Deadlines are usually at the beginning of the calendar year for financial aid during the following academic year. Though federal assistance programs are not bound as strictly by a budget, Hamilton's own awards are distributed only until the endowed funds, annual grants, and the College budget run out; therefore, filing early for aid from the College is strongly recommended.

Any student wishing to be considered for financial assistance must first complete a financial aid form. This and additional forms and information are available from the financial aid office. Questions may be directed to Kenneth Kogut, director of financial aid.

Trustees to meet

This weekend the trustees of Hamilton College will converge for the second meeting of the '83-'84 academic year. Among other matters, this meeting will inform the trustees of the performance of the College's endowment and of endowment spending policy.

The board will also be informed of the recent faculty approval to add the phrase "sexual preference" to the college's discrimination disclaimer. Although the final decision to add that phrase will rest with the board of trustees, President J. Martin Carovano commented that it is unlikely that the board will reach a decision at this meeting.

In addition, the trustees will receive a progress report on the 175th anniversary campaign and, specifically, on the architectural refinements made to proposed plans for the music center and swimming pool.

Finally, the trustees will be informed of the proposed changes to procedures for student academic leave, various honorary degree considerations, and proposed lighting changes for Minor Theatre.

Senior fellow

by Adam Pelzman

"Each spring the Dean of the College designates up to seven outstanding members of the junior class as senior fellows." So states the Hamilton College *Catalogue* on the subject of senior fellows. The Senior Fellowship Program, headed by Assistant Professor of Philosophy Doug Weldon, is a one-year independent study of a student-designated topic. Under this fellowship, there are no course or concentration requirements but a thesis paper (of approximately 175 pages) is due in the spring. At that time, the paper will be presented to an examination committee for approval. The committee's decision will determine whether or not the student(s) receive credit for the program.

This year, only one student has taken on the responsibility of being a senior fellow. That fellow is Julie Ross. As a psychology major, she is concentrating her studies in psycho/neurolinguistics. Basically, this is the study of the brain's relation to spoken and interpreted language. Although she does not adhere to a regular class schedule, Ross has learned "to organize and plan (her) time."

To make sure studies and research move at a constant pace, Julie has chosen two faculty advisors with whom she meets a few times a week. In these meetings, accomplishments are outlined and academic guidance is given.

Under the guidance of advisors Dr. Douglas Herrmann and Dr. John Vaughn, Ross has recently submitted for review a paper to the Eastern Psychological Association. Because the field of psycho/neurolinguistics is not yet well-organized and its findings are continually expanding, Ross has been communicating with other researchers around the country. With them, she evaluates findings and discusses openings in the field. Ross is currently accumulating "chapters" that will culminate in her spring thesis.

Julie Ross

What the heck is Cercle Jeux?

by Trish Bailey

Will anyone ever know what the Cercle Jeux is all about?

Last spring, the idea was to bring to Hamilton College a social activities club in which, as Rhett Butler said, "bravery and wisdom need to be practiced in order to exist, and Don's Rok is not always the best place to cultivate these sanities. Members will renounce their base notions of fear, selfishness, greed, cowardice, and pedantry to transcend into the realm of comedy, where the party really starts." Butler and his friends were sitting around drinking one night, joking about how alcohol and parties are the center of the social life on campus. They realized, however, that this is a serious issue, and that the campus lacks an alternate form of entertainment.

Dean Jane Jervis and the Student Assembly agreed and supported the idea with enthusiasm. Butler presented the prospective club to them as one that "will be a breath of fresh air for the campus. Times like these require from the individual a certain degree of levity and relaxation. While some people feel trapped in the daily riddles of life, the members of this club will look toward the future as a time for harmony and intellectual spaciousness." This ideal should be valued on this campus particularly by those who plan its activities, and theoretically it is, but when the time came to initiate this club that would uphold this ideal, the Dean's office and the Student Assembly hindered its initiation with bureaucratic red tape.

The club was originally to be chartered as the Mile High Club. In concrete terms, it was a response to an interest in aviation. Butler had found several instructors to help sponsor skydiving, parachuting, and hang gliding outings. The college insurance policy, however, only covers students while on the ground, thus forbidding activities such as those which the Mile High Club proposed. Disappointed and frustrated, one prospective member said, "Our club is now defunct, wow!"

But, Butler did not give up and submitted a new constitution to the Student Assembly, limiting the club to kite-flying, remote-control aircraft, model rocketry, and games such as backgammon, chess, career games, games of chance and skill, etc. The idea, as Rhett said, that "what we are embarking on is a crusade to re-establish chivalry, jest, beauty, honor, and gallant romanticism, an elusive concept but one that makes students tick," still remains.

The Student Assembly, however, would not approve the charter until a new, more appropriate name was chosen for the club. The Assembly felt the name was not explicit enough of the purpose of the club,and some even felt it connotated a select group of those who had made love in an airplane — certainly not this group of Mile Highers. At any rate, the name has been changed to the Cercle Jeux. Cercle is French for club, and Jeux means games. From its office in the Keehn Co-op room 204, under the direction of President Butler and Treasurer Mitch Higgins, games of all sorts will be able to be checked out on Mondays and Thursdays for one half week.

The club, unfortunately, is facing a new problem — getting funds to purchase games. The charter was proposed too late to acquire any fall funds, and as Dean Jervis said, "after the pie has been served, there are not any more pieces to give out." The club will undoubtedly get funds in the spring, but will the proposed $300 allocation be enough? Rhett feels an initial investment of $1,000 is necessary to purchase games and equipment. Tom Finn of the Student Assembly replied that, "No new club can get much money before we see what kind of interest is stimulated and how the club runs. If we just gave everyone the money they wanted, everyone would be declaring themselves an organization."

Trees are real costly these days

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exception is a Beech tree, located between Minor theatre and Bristol, which was partially paid for by the Gay Alliance. Last year on Class and Charter Day, Hawkridge discovered that the tree had been "literally destroyed — ripped to shreds." This tree will cost $415 to replace.

Hawkridge wants students to give "a little more thought to the landscaping" and emphasizes the important role that the appearance of the campus plays in attracting new students. When students destroy a tree, they work against the intentions of the landscape architects and ruin the "landscape-picture." Some campus residents are offended by the lack of respect students have shown to the college grounds. Senior Michael Lent complained, "First of all, all I'm saying is where's the Lorax when you need him?"

Jervis hopes that "the more educating we do the better off we'll be." The Dean also said that because most students are unable to distinguish between a $20 tree and a $2,000 tree, they are unaware of the enormity of their crime. Because college land is private property, whether or not a tree is a common pine or a priceless spruce is irrelevent. If someone chops down a tree on college grounds without permission, that person has committed a crime. This will help to explain why another group in South, who took their tree from the reservoir area, is not being treated with leniency. Their act is technically theft and the students will be dealt with in a way consistent with the others who stole the expensive ornamental trees. The difference in their treatment is because the tree is not ornamental, its cost is negligible, and the group will not be charged.

Because of the recent acts of tree-terrorism, Hawkridge says that he is beginning to feel "gun shy on spruces." He hopes that he will not have to abandon spruces for pines because spruces "look nice and they like the soil." Finding trees that thrive and look ornamental is difficult because the soil is "hard-growing up here." According to Hawkridge, much of the damage is permanent. "Perimeter trees and now major trees such as the Norway Spruce will never look good to the eye. There's no way to bring it back. It will be weak and could snap off in gale winds."

Next holiday season, to avoid what Hawkridge calls "mindless damage," he, Detweiler, and Jervis are considering the possibility of opening up the college plantations on a controlled basis. Historically, college trees have come from these plantations. Opening up these plantations to students will serve two purposes. First, students will be able to chop down trees from the wilds of Clinton and release their lumberjack tendencies legally. Second, under Hawkridge's supervision, students will provide a service by helping to thin out a heavily planted area. Another possibility is that the ABC House could expand its Christmas tree sale to students and donate the proceeds towards charity. The ABC House could not be reached for a comment.

Seniors

by Randi E. Lowitt

Senior Gift Campaign has officially come to a close. The response has been tremendous — 68 percent of the senior class pledged to the campaign. The Campaign has turned out the way Chairperson Susan Frey had hoped. So far, members of '84 have been more prompt in paying their plegdes than the classes of '82 or '83. However, as Frey says, "Now comes the time to fulfill the pledge. A pledge is fine initially, but people have to come through if we really want to make our goal."

The pyramidal structure of the campaign promoted personal solicitation, the key of success in this fund raising program. According to Vice Chairperson Paul Gillespie, "The chain of command seemed to work pretty well. But, there was too much leg work and not enough public relations. Had people known more they would have given more."

None the less, those involved with the campaign seemed to get a positive response from the senior class. "People were enthusiastic and showed that they agreed with the idea by pledging," said Vice Chairperson Burr Martin.

Giving a gift to the college is not a new idea. Even in the early 1800s, students gave what they could — cords of wood, days of labor, or a couple of English pounds. The stone pillars outside of the Kirland campus are just one of the many markers bearing a class year and they are a constant reminder of a class's dedication. "It's a natural thing for a class to give the school a gift when it's leaving. I'm surprised it didn't happen earlier. It's so important —it's a great way to bring on class unity."

Winter term offers great stuff

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disposal within natural geologic formations.The Music Department will offer an introductory course in ethnomusicology taught by John Schechter, a 1967 graduate of Hamilton with a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from the University of Texas at Austin. Kirkland alumna Lynn Kanter '76 will be teaching a Women's Studies course in political documentary filmmaking with Pam Hughes, a 1971 graduate of the University of Florida. Hughes and Kanter are the co-founders of Virigo Video, an independent women's television company and have had much experience in documentary filmmaking.

The Theatre and Dance Department is fortunate to have two dramatic artists coming to teach on campus this winter. Toby Ballantine, already known to those who attended his lecture on " The Art of Clowning" earlier this fall, will be teaching a course in the history and art of the clown-mime. This winter's Dance Workshop will by taught by Richard Sugarman, the artistic director of the Canadian National Dance Repertory Theatre and an active choreographer with much teaching experience.

The remaining two courses taught by visiting professors this winter are literature courses, one in the English department and one in the American Studies department. Irina Klepfiscz, a teacher of English, Yiddish and Women's Studies with a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, will teach the English course "Strategies of Rewriting Poetry and Short Fiction," which concentrates on the repeated revision of a particular piece. Richard Meckel, professor of American civilization at Brown University, will teach an American Studies course which examines immigrant literature from the turn of the century and its relationship to the immigrant experience.

Hamilton is fortunate to have professors in several fields coming to teach this January. However, no Hamilton faculty members will be leaving to teach at other institutions in January, accordng to the Office of the Dean of the College. Several of our faculty members will be away from campus this winter leading programs abroad, such as the Winter Term in Italy program, the London Theatre course, and the College Choir tour to Spain.

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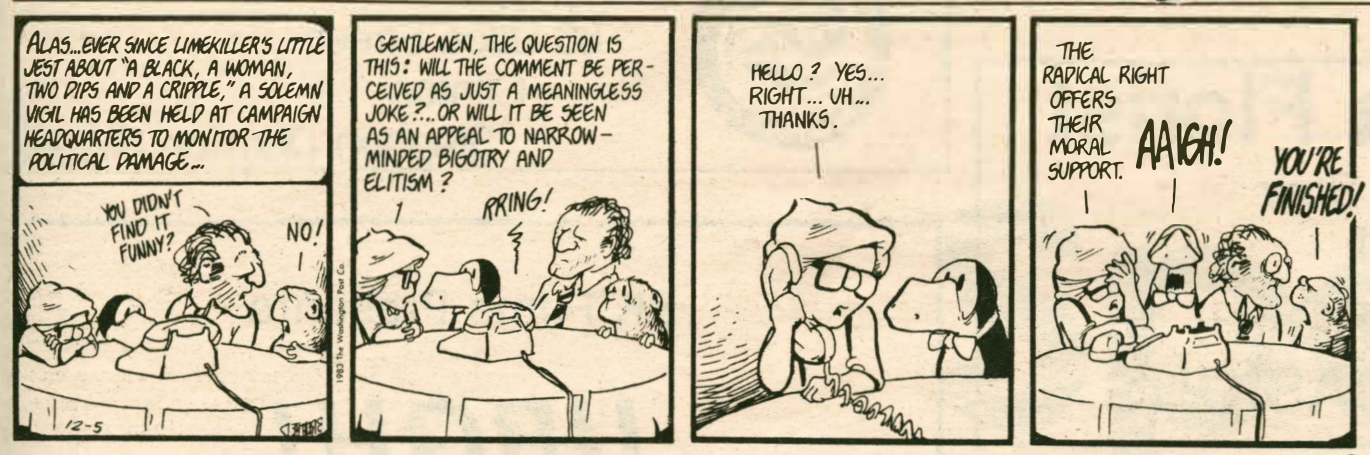
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GENTLEMEN, THE QUESTION IS THIS: WILL THE COMMENT BE PERCEIVED AS JUST A MEANINGLESS JOKE?...OR WILL IT BE SEEN AS AN APPEAL TO NARROW-MINDED BIGOTRY AND ELITISM?
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HELLO? YES... RIGHT... UH... THANKS.
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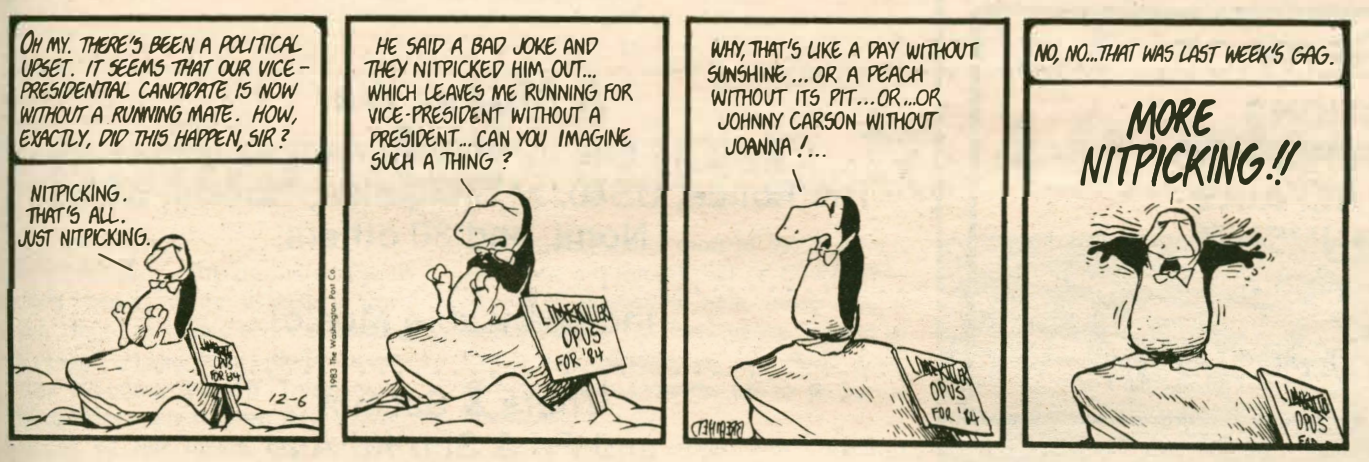
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NITPICKING. THAT'S ALL. JUST NITPICKING.
12-6
HE SAID A BAD JOKE AND THEY NITPICKED HIM OUT... WHICH LEAVES ME RUNNING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT WITHOUT A PRESIDENT... CAN YOU IMAGINE SUCH A THING?
LIMEKILLER OPUS FOR '84
WHY, THAT'S LIKE A DAY WITHOUT SUNSHINE... OR A PEACH WITHOUT ITS PIT...OR...OR JOHNNY CARSON WITHOUT JOANNA!...
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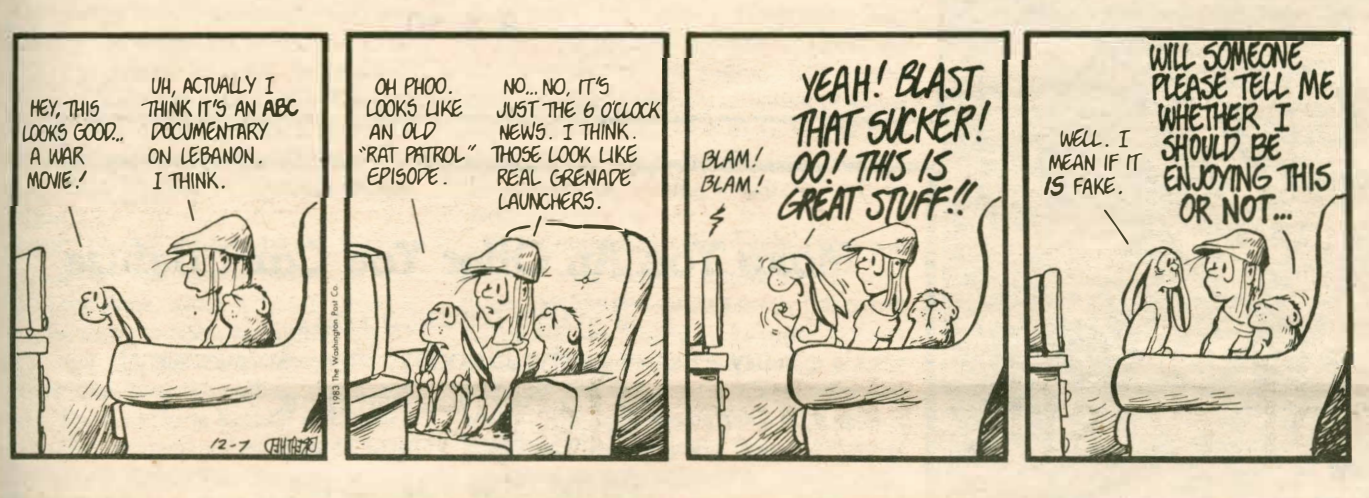
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OH PHOO. LOOKS LIKE AN OLD "RAT PATROL" EPISODE.
NO... NO, IT'S JUST THE 6 O'CLOCK NEWS. I THINK. THOSE LOOK LIKE REAL GRENADE LAUNCHERS.
BLAM! BLAM!
YEAH! BLAST THAT SUCKER! OO! THIS IS GREAT STUFF!!
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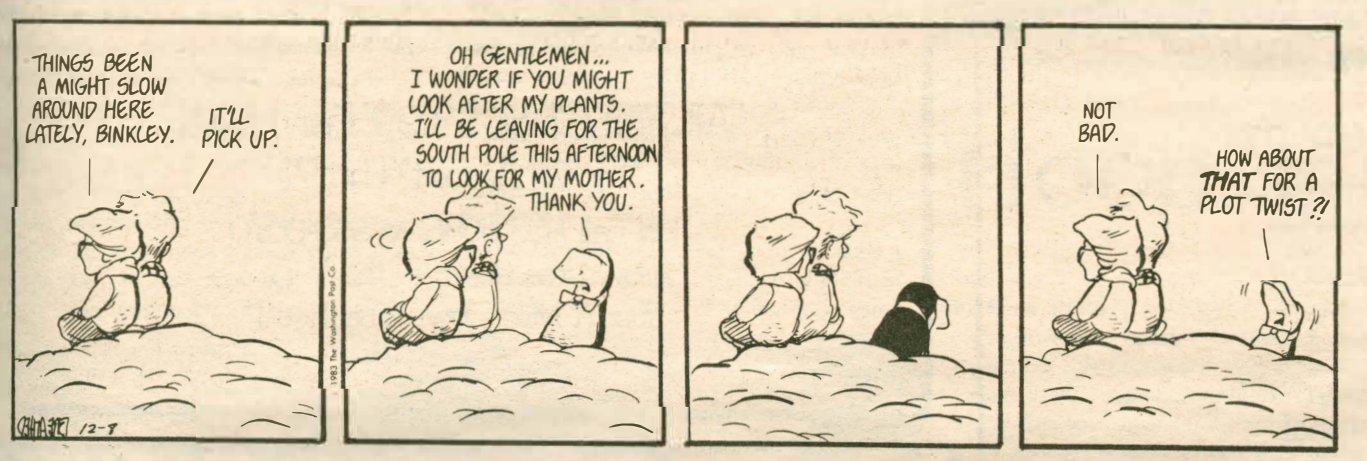
THINGS BEEN A MIGHT SLOW AROUND HERE LATELY, BINKLEY.
IT'LL PICK UP.
12-8
OH GENTLEMEN... I WONDER IF YOU MIGHT LOOK AFTER MY PLANTS. I'LL BE LEAVING FOR THE SOUTH POLE THIS AFTERNOON TO LOOK FOR MY MOTHER. THANK YOU.
NOT BAD.
HOW ABOUT THAT FOR A PLOT TWIST?!

YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO SPEND CHRISTMAS LOOKING FOR YOUR MOTHER IN THE ANTARCTIC...
YES! YES!... IN A HURRY!... GOTTA PACK!... SHIRTS... SOCKS...
THAT'S THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD, YA KNOW...
TIES!... SHORTS!... UH... SOCKS!...
PHOOMPH!
12-9
WELL I MUST SAY... ALL THIS CAREFUL PREPARATION IS IMPRESSIVE.
UH... JEANS... UH... MORE SOCKS... EXTRA UNDIES... OOF! OOF!
PENGUINS JUST DO NOT DILLY DALLY.
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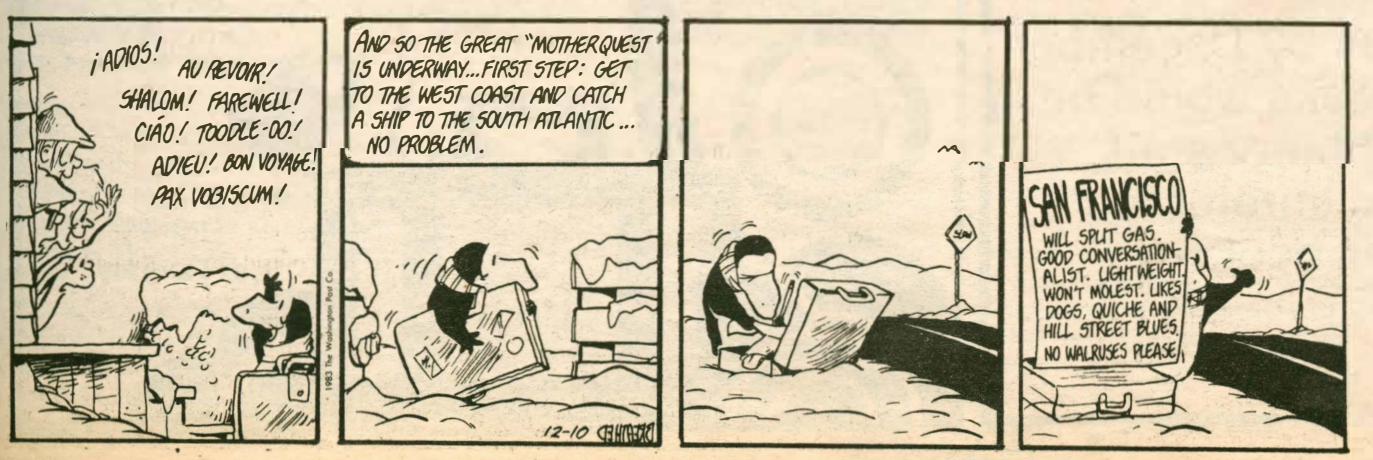
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AND SO THE GREAT "MOTHERQUEST" IS UNDERWAY... FIRST STEP: GET TO THE WEST COAST AND CATCH A SHIP TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC... NO PROBLEM.
12-10
SAN FRANCISCO
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Ace —
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Dear Mom,

We know we haven't written you for a while, in fact, not in at least three and one half years. This is not due to lack of thought, although it may be interpreted that way, but we've been busy.

Since we last talked to you on the phone, we've been writing several papers (Miranda), painting (Joan), and trying to get our lives organized before the end of the term. This is not a small task.

This weekend will probably be the first chance we have to normalize our lives. Because we are writing a review for this paper on brunches, we will be able to afford our first good meal in quite a while — actually, this isn't true, but it's close to being true. We got money from *The Spectator*. Last weekend we went to the Colgate Inn in a blizzard. The food was surprisingly cold also. Oh, well.

How are you doing? Have you, too, been keeping busy? Are you looking forward to us coming to our respective homes? Did you buy any Christmas presents for us? We love you, and have been spending much time thinking of ways to make *your* Christmas the best ever. . . .

Fido (Miranda's cat) is healthier than ever. Mortimer (Joan's cat) is dead. Fido has been having some trouble getting along with Honey (Susan's cat). This situation will be resolved in the spring when Susan leaves, and we misplace Honey.

Tonight at *The Spectator* Joan and Miranda are putting together our last issue. We have become rather tired of the process, and have become disillusioned with the paper's ability to change people on this apathetic campus. This sounds sad, but really, it's just a few more hours of sleep and free time each week.

Well, we'll see you next week.

Until then, much love from Joan and Miranda.

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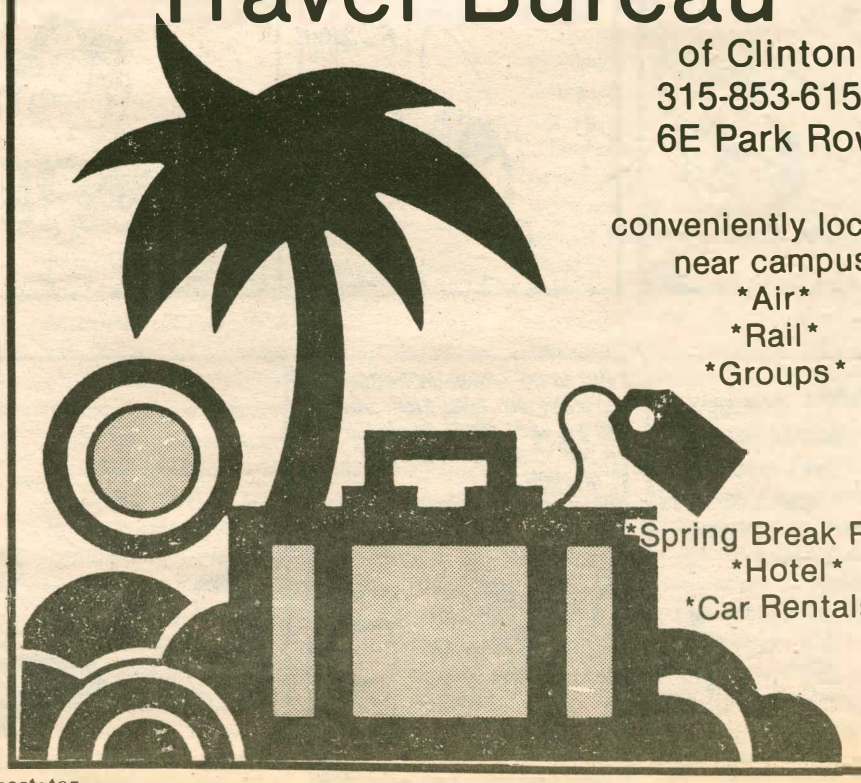

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Continentals jump to 4-0, play Sat.

by Mike Lombardi

The young and relatively inexperienced Hamilton men's varsity basketball team upped its record to 40 this week by defeating Wesleyan (85-73) and Elmira (80-68) to capture the Hamilton Tip-Off Tournament. On Wednesday, they stopped RIT, 88-76.

Sparked by the superb play of 6'-7' rookie forward John Cavanaugh, who was named the tournament's MVP, the Continentals overcame the hot second-half shooting of Wesleyan guard Greg Pordyzy to outlast the pesky Cardinals. Cavanaugh led the Continentals with 20 points, and Larry Kollath grabbed 14 rebounds to help the effort.

Against Elmira, who defeated Hunter College in the tournament opener, it was much of the same, with Cavanaugh using a variety of short jumpers to accumulate 23 points, and Kollath again doing strong work on the boards, pulling down ten caroms. For his efforts Kollath was named to the All-Tournament team along with senior captain Bobby Moore, who had 31 points and 15 rebounds in the two games, and sophomore forward Izzy Perez, whose weekend statistics included 25 points on 11 for 19 shooting (58 percent) and twelve rebounds. Rounding out the All-Tournament team were Elmira's Trenton Tate and Wesleyan's Pordyzy.

While not making the All-Tournament team, rookie point guard Bill Geitner was instrumental in the Hamilton victories. Geitner was impressive in both games, showing excellent poise in running the Hamilton offense. Although he had a tough time finding the mark with his jumper (2-10 from the floor), Geitner dished out 20 assists and consistently got the ball to Cavanaugh, Moore, and Perez in shooting position.

Hamilton's next opponent was a tough RIT squad in the Fieldhouse. The Continentals got off to a quick start using four long Bobby Moore jumpers and the tough inside play of Kollath to keep a ten-point cushion throughout most of the first half. However, a technical foul on Coach Murphy (RIT converted both shots) and a missed jumper by Perez which resulted in Cavanaugh picking up his third foul, allowed RIT to close the gap to six by the intermission.

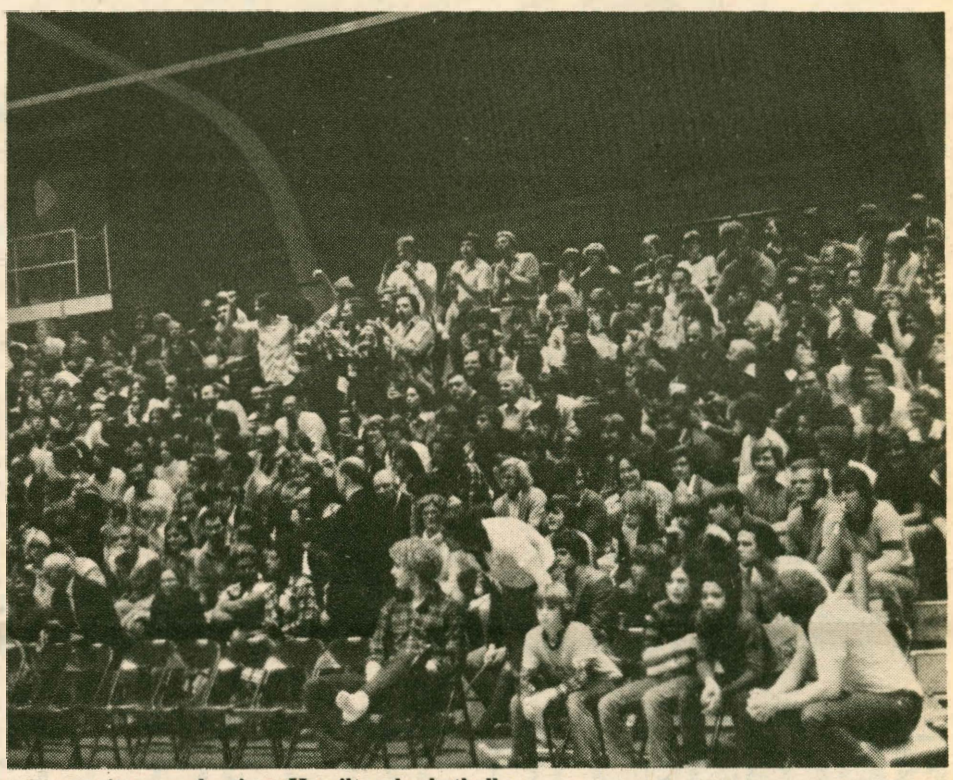
The second half began with a bang as Cavanaugh produced a three-point play and hit two successive jumpers to raise the Continentals lead to twelve. RIT stayed close, though, due to the shooting of guard Jim Bohlert, who sank 8 of 12 second half shots (22 points on the evening), and the Tigers crept to withing 8 with 3:27 left to play.

The Continentals then pushed the ball upcourt with Geitner hitting Perez, who drove baseline and put in a pretty finger-roll lay-up and was fouled in the process. Perez missed the free throw, but Kollath got the rebound and fed it to Geitner, who was fouled. The cool rookie sank both, giving Hamilton a twelve-point lead. RIT never got closer as the Continentals subsequently went into their four corners offense and used clutch foul shooting by Geitner (8-10 from the line, 5-6 in the last two minutes) to preserve the victory.

Hamilton placed all five starters in double figures, led by Moore with 18, Cavanaugh 17, Perez 14, Geitner 12, and Kollath 11.

The Continentals' next game is against Manhattanville College tomorrow night in the Fieldhouse. This will be their last game until after Christmas break and is an important one, for when they resume play in January term, the Continentals will play five consecutive home games after an appearance (Jan. 6-7) in the Manhattanville Tourney. If Hamilton is to have a successful year, victories in the home contests are imperative, for eight of the final ten games are on the road against such teams as Union, Ithaca, Hartwick, Rochester, Albany, Colgate, and Utica.

"Hey, how 'bout them Continentals"



A capacity crowd enjoys Hamilton basketball

Hoop splits first 2

by Evan Smith

Continental women's basketball began its season this past week with close games versus SUNY Genesee and SUNY Utica. According to Coach Janice Savitz, injuries to key players combined with poor rebounding and early foul trouble hurt Hamilton in the opening game loss to Geneseo, but a strong Continental offensive attack was too much for Utica, as Hamilton evened its early season record to 1-1.

Saturday's game against Geneseo was the first of the season, and in many respects it was obvious. A lack of rebounding ability and inconsistent defensive strength allowed Geneseo to trounce the Continentals by a score of 64-59. Coach Savitz also stressed early foul trouble as an immediate problem and one which gave Hamilton a great deal of difficulty in their first game. If you combine all that with first-half injuries to sophomore Penny Pittman and senior co-captain Resa Alvord, it makes for a somewhat eventful but mostly unimpressive game. The only promising sign within Saturday's game was a fairly dominating offense, led by Alvord (13 points), sophomore Sarah Feyerherm (10 points), and frosh sensation Brenda "The Rim Bender" Meyers (13 points). Savitz said that though the offense was promising, the overall results and implications of the game were less than positive. "We should have won the game. We were ahead by six in the first half but in the second half we were comatose," noted Savitz. "We lacked the intensity we needed."

Monday's game against a much improved SUNY Utica team was an altogether different story. Most of what was missing in Saturday's game was more than present here, and it showed, as Hamilton defeated Utica 85-65. The Continentals were once again at a disadvantage, as Alvord's injury caused her to miss the game, but the others picked up the slack efficiently and the offense never suffered. Sophomore Sue Davidson was the game's high scorer with 16 points, followed by Pittman and sophomore Janet Kiss (both with 13 points, Meyers (12 points) and Feyerherm (10 points). The Continental team led by 13 after the first half, aided by the defense of Pittman and senior co-captain Monica Durr. Savitz felt the team played better than in the first game ("we ran the offense well") but the rebounding and fouling were still stressed as things which needed work.

The Continentals' season has definite potential to be even more so than in 1982. As Feyerherm said, "The ability is certainly there, much more so than last year."

Hoops Scoops: Alvord's injury was to her ankle, and though she missed Monday's game, she will return to face the University of Rochester Wednesday. . . Pittman returned from injury Monday to aid the Continentals offensively. . . Meyers, a rookie, scored 25 points in her first two games as a Continental and appears to be a future superstar within Division III. . . Feyerherm comes off a season of varsity field hockey in which she led the Continentals in scoring. . . .

Sports

Murphy the motivator

John Webber

Hamilton fall sports enthusiasts are a frustrated lot. The Continentals have not had a winning football season in decades and the other men and women varsity teams are anything but consistent. The coming of the Snow Belt blizzards, however, marks the beginning of what can only be called The Tradition. Athletic Director and Coach Tom Murphy has developed a basketball program on the Hill that over the past eight years has accumulated the best win-loss record in the country, regardless of division. That's an incredible statistic considering that, as a member of NESCAC, Hamilton is not allowed to offer an athlete more than a starting position. So what is it that differentiates the Continental hoop program from other schools'?

"I think it is because we have good kids who work hard and play together," commented Murphy. "What we have is a complete team effort. Oh, sure, we've had some great individual talent, but the bottom line is that they play together. The success that we have enjoyed is a direct result of the team's hard work and honest effort."

Yeah, maybe that's part of it, but the hard work theory is the standard response. How about pride? There certainly is a feeling within the team that a loss would disappoint the ghost of Continental past. Still, it's not a sufficient answer.

The real key to The Tradition has been the one constant over the past eight years, Murphy. I realize that in all the years as coach of the Continentals, he has not scored a single point or pulled down one rebound. Instead, his value to the Hamilton program goes essentially unnoticed to the average fan. His job starts in the spring with player evaluation, meaning the selection of the high school athletes that he wants to attract to Hamilton. "Most coaches rate players by their ability and attitude, in that order. I examine the athlete's attitude first. I want players who will be willing to work and will be committed to the team."

Being a good judge of talent is one thing, judging a player's attitude is another. Co-captain Larry Kollath is one who appreciates Murphy's talent. "He can read people better than anyone I've ever met."

Beyond bringing the right players to Hamilton, Murphy excels in preparing the Continentals. He defines his job as coach as giving the team "every possible chance to succeed. I can't leave any stone unturned." What that means, in essence, is pushing the players to their potential, getting them to give their best. Otherwise known as the art of motivating. "What I do is to get the players to play up to their ability. That takes total committment, but these kids want to win." Co-captain Bob Moore puts it a little differently. "Murph's great. It isn't so much that he pressures us, it's more that he gets us to push ourselves. It becomes our responsibility, and that's reflected in the way we play."

Finally, Murphy is also able to get the most from his players during gametime. "He's one of the finest game coaches around," points out Assistant Coach Bob Roth. "Murphy knows exactly when to change the defense, what offense to call, and how to effectively rotate the substitutes."

If you ask Murphy himself about the subject, he would undoubtedly tell you that coaches are given too much credit for wins and blamed too much for the losses. True enough, the players determine how many points go on the scoreboard. But ultimately it is the coaching staff that decides upon the team's character and, thus, their performance in any given game. It is a basketball truism that a talented player means nothing to a team without the proper motivation. And that's Murphy's forte, turning a group with good basketball ability into an outstanding TEAM.

You may or may not agree with Coach Tom Murphy's style of coaching but you have to respect what he can and does do for his players and the basketball team as a whole. Hamilton Continental basketball has been extremely successful over the past decade for a number of reasons. But what brings it all together is the man at the helm, Murphy the Motivator.

Men prep at RIT

by Jim Rest

Some solid performances at last week's RIT Invitational have prepped the men's swim team for their opening dual meet of the season at Hartwick Thursday, December 8. Unfortunately, results of the Hartwick meet were unavailable at press time.

Although essentially a warm-up meet, the RIT Invitational enabled the swimmers to test themselves in a competitive situation. Having fine afternoons were Bill Ernstrom (4:33.2) in the 400 IM, the same event he qualified for nationals in last year; Bjorn Carlsson (1:04.4) in the 100 breast; rookie Dean Pappas (23.3 and 51.8) for the 50 and 1 0 free, and Bob Callahan with a 4:43 clocking for the 400 IM. Also swimming well for Hamilton were Brad Didrikson (56.9) and Bobby Lucas (57.0) in the 100 fly, Tom Schoder with his 18:52.7 clocking for the 1650 free, and John Strehle with a time of 5:30.5 for the 500 free. "Considering that we haven't done much sprint training yet, I was pleased with the times recorded at RIT," said an optimistic Coach Thompson.

Expecting the Hartwick meet to go smoothly, the team's real battle will come at the Hobart Invitational on Saturday where they will have to fend off academic pressures as well as a Hobart team that beat the Continentals last year. Aside from the host, Hamilton must also contend with RPI. Thompson, intent on avenging last year's ten point loss to Hobart, stated "The team will be going at full strength on Saturday. Upcoming finals add extra pressures and force the swimmers to bring their books on the trip and study between events, but I still believe that we can win this meet."

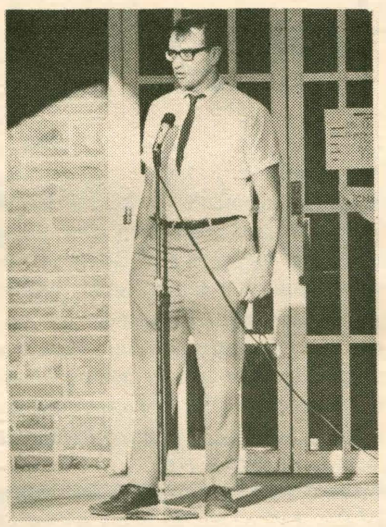
In an effort to break up the monotony of training, Thompson has arranged practices at Colgate when the swimmers return for practice on December 28. He also plans to train the team at McGill University in Canada during January break. Both should be welcome changes to the winter doldrums of Hamilton.

Berries off to fast start

by Eric Siegle

The women's ice hockey team got off to a roaring start this past week by winning the first two games of their slightly expanded 16-game schedule. The team travelled to Colgate Monday morning and shut out the Raiders 4-0 behind the superb goal tending of Maria Buteux. Hamilton goal scorers were Tracy Hamlin, Julie Munn, Kate Thomes, and Lee Dillenbeck.

The following day Hamilton edged out RPI by a score of 4-3 at the Sage Rink. Co-captain Kate Thomes summed up the action by declaring, "We controlled the puck most of the game, but RPI was able to break up most of our passes with tough defense." RPI capitalized on a Hamilton ror to take a 1-0 lead after one period of play. Co-captain Micky Eychner took a game up at the end of the second period. Eychner did not waste any time as she scored again just 28 seconds into the third period.



"I don't know about you, but I wouldn't miss a women's hockey game if my life depended on it."

Again taking advantage of Hamilton mistakes, however, RPI scored two goals to move ahead 3-2. Dillenbeck then took over. She tied the game with five minutes to play and two minutes later she scored the game winner with what Thomes described as a "sizzling wrist shot to the right hand corner." Goalie Gina Marangi came up with several fine saves in the final minutes to preserve the win for Hamilton.

Last year's edition of the team finished with a successful season, and both captains are optimistic about another successful season. They both expressed concern, however, about the loss of two key defensive players from last season. On an optimistic note, the addition of talented rookie defensive player, Margie Ierardi, who has shown great potential thus far, is welcome. Ierardi teams up with sophmore Pam Goldman and the two will share the bulk of the defensive responsibilities. Eychner acknowledges that the talent is present but adds that "the new and inexperienced defense needs some time to mature."

Although the women's hockey team remains a club sport, it is taken very seriously by Coach Tom Shoen, who also coaches football at nearby Whitesboro High School, and twenty dedicated women. Keep in mind that the team frequently practices at 6:00 in the morning, which most of us would consider a sign of dedication in itself.

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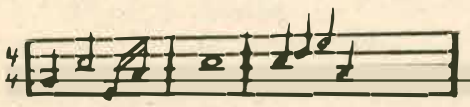
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Marta is hockey's Mr. Consistency

by Ed Fargis

When there's a hockey game in Sage Rink, Hamilton fans spend a great deal of time watching number 21, the Mike Bossy of the Continental squad. They're not wondering *if* he's going to score, but *when*. Opponents fear him because he can beat them in so many ways. The Continental who wears number 21 is Mike "Sparky" Marta. In his first three seasons at Hamilton, Marta put the puck in the net 90 times and he's already got five goals in five games this year.

Right now, Marta's just three goals away from breaking Tim Norbeck's all-time record of 98 goals and well on his way to breaking Pete Kennedy's all-time point total of 189. Including this season, Marta has piled up a total of 163 points and it seems that he will reach 200 points with room to spare before he ends his illustrious career at Hamilton College. Obviously, Marta is looking forward to breaking both records. "You can't help thinking about them," Marta states. "The records mean a lot to me, and it would be an honor to hold them."

Marta's play can be characterized by his great "ice sense" and extraordinary skating ability. Coach Greg Batt says that "he's the finest skater we've had here in years." Marta is also an unselfish team player who passes extremely well despite being counted on to do much of the Continental scoring. This year his linemates will be sophomore Pat Routledge and rookie Ron Lowe. This line has already scored twelve goals, but Marta believes their pace will increase as the year progresses: "We're relied on to score goals, it's our job."

Mike Marta readies for the score

This year Mike Marta is the offensive standout on a defense minded team. Because the addition of Philip Grady to Coach Batt's staff, the team has increased its fore and back checking and had become even more aggressive than last year's very tenacious squad. The team is in better physical condition than last years, but, as both Batt and Marta point out, the new system will take some time to get used to.

Hamilton's record is 1-4 to date. The win came on November 28 against Brockport as Hamilton defeated the weaker club by the score of 8-4. However, the confidence of the team was greatly shaken when it lost two games in sudden death overtime. As far as the rest of the season is concerned, the team has the potential to do extremely well; they just need time and confidence. When asked to assess how the team will fare this season, Marta commented: "We'll just have to wait and see what the guys are made of."

Marta is an economics major whose future plans include a few years of pro hockey in Europe and hopefully a career in Canadian government when his hockey career comes to its conclusion. Home for Marta is Ottawa, Ontario. He became interested in Hamilton through Dave Lahey, who graduated last year, and teammate John Kokonis, who attended high school with Marta and was also interested in Hamilton. Marta was also greatly impressed by Greg Batt and his program. He was also indirectly responsible for attratcting his junior Canadian Hockey League teammates Tim Fitzgerald and Pat Routledge to Hamilton.

On Friday, Hamilton will face Division III rival Wesleyan University. Assistant Captain Marta, although hampered by a rib injury that greatly limits his mobility, will once again lead the Continental's offensive attack. It will be the Continental's last game before Christmas break. When the team returns, it will have twelve games remaining — which means that the Hamilton fans will have twelve opportunities to see Sparky Marta, possibly the best hockey player in Hamilton history, in action.

Alumni battle in game of the decade

by John Webber

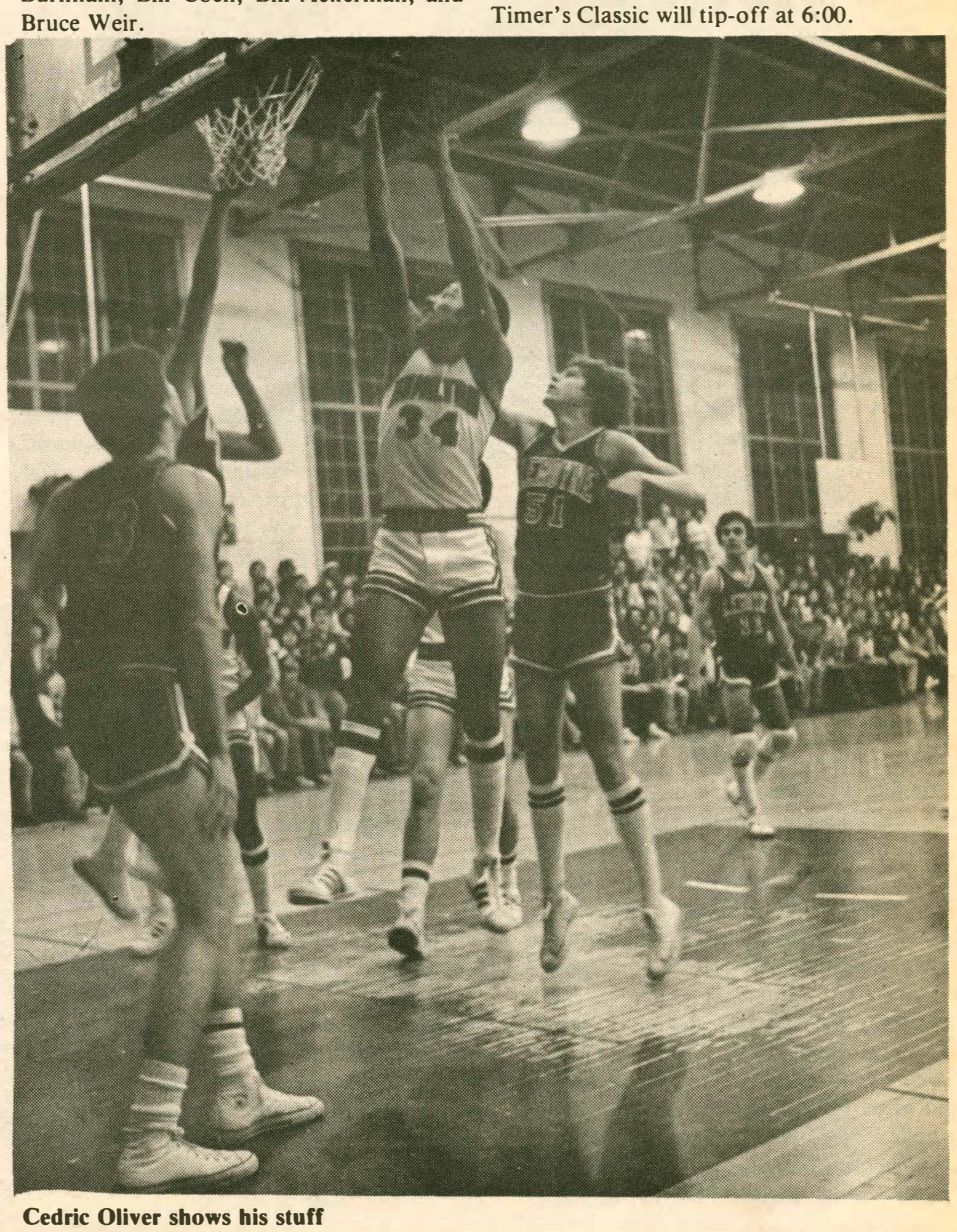
Rarely does a preliminary game attract more attention than the main even. Tomorrow's alumni basketball contest, however, has done just that. In what Coach Murphy describes as "possibly the best game in the Fieldhouse this year," the graduates from the 1980s squads will battle the Nursing Home Gang, a collection of older alumni.

Don't let their social security benefits fool you, though, because of the game's five featured All-Americans, two are on the older graduates' roster. Returning for the game are John Klauberg '78 (we hope) and the legendary Cedric Oliver '79. The last time Oliver, who owns most of Hamilton's scoring and rebounding records, competed in an Alumni contest he was overweight, out of shape, and simply amazing. There is no question that Oliver, one of the few players ever drafted by a NBA team out of Division III, was the major factor in building the Continentals' now historic winning tradition (Hamilton had a 50-home game win streak during Oliver's tenure). Over the four seasons that Oliver played on the Hill (1975-79), he scored over 2300 points (52 in one game), averaged nearly 13 rebounds per game, and shot an incredible 62.1 percent from the floor.

The squad from the 1980's which won three consecutive Eastern College Athletic Conference titles and were 23-3 last year, is highlighted by All American's Kevin Grimmer '81, Charles Robinson '83, and Ron Evans '83. During his career at Hamilton, Grimmer poured in 1500 points and became the Continental's second leading rebounder. The pre-game predictions have him matched up down low against Oliver. Equal to the task, however, are both Evans and Robinson, who are also members of the 1000 point club. Evans also holds the career record for steals and blocked shots. Filling out the 1980's roster will be all-time assist leader Bob Kiely, Mark Burnham, Bill Coen, Bill Ackerman, and Bruce Weir.

"People have asked me whether last year's team was the best I had ever coached," commented Murphy. "I guess we'll find out Saturday."

Old News: Opening for the varsity's contest against Manhattanville, the Old Timer's Classic will tip-off at 6:00.



Cedric Oliver shows his stuff

Swimmers on right foot

by Anne Ternes

The women's swimming season has "gotten off on the right foot," says Coach David Thompson, referring to the opener against Wells last Thrusday, December 1. Although the meet ended in a Hamilton loss, 64-74, the outcome was up in the air until the final relay.

Coach Thompson was particularly impressed with the score because Wells protested the depth of the pool for diving, and thus Hamilton had to forfeit the 16 diving points. As he says, "Because of this the women rallied! It showed me how fast they could swim and gave them confidence in their ability. It was also a super experience for me in my first meet as head coach."

The times from Wells were fantastic. There were solid performances by seniors Betsy Bacot and Helen McGee, sophomores Chris Telfer and Kristen Peterson, and first-year student Kathy Hoy. Coach Thompson remarked, "Times like those at Wells are usually not seen until mid-season."

The women's team also had an Invitational Meet at RIT last Saturday. The other teams that participated were also from upstate New York which gave the Hamilton swimmers an opportunitiy to see some of the competition, but other than that it was not considered a very competitive meet. As Coach Thompson says, "It was a chance to have the swimmers try some events not too often done." He adds, "Although they were not swimming for a team placement, the team swam well and really showed spirit and encouragement for their fellow swimmers."

The meet at Wells has Coach Thompson looking ahead optimistically to the Saturday, December 8 meet against Hartwick and then to the rest of the season in January.

Mixed beginning for squash teams

Women

by William Hess

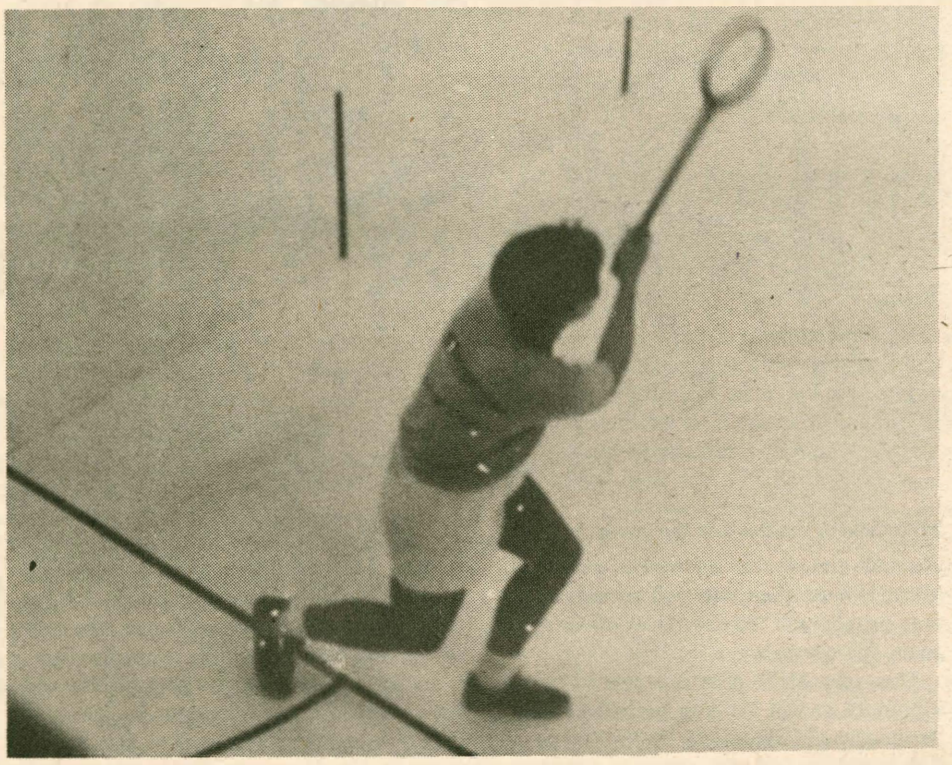
Women's squash is a winter sport at Hamilton, and it is no coincidence that the successful start of the 1983-84 season came with the first winter freeze.

On Thursday, December 1, the squad hosted the team from St. Lawrence, and with Kate Wallace (captain), Lisa Regan, Sandra Wagg (captain), Katherine Calkins, Hally Mason, Liz Crawford, and Michelle Rhodes all playing numbers one through seven respectively, the opposition went down to defeat, losing 5 to 2.

On Saturday, December 3, though, it was an entirely different story as the team travelled to Middlebury. Having to contend with a stronger opponent as well as much colder courts, (the temperature of a squash court has a tremendous influence on the type of game strategy to be played), the team encountered the problems of the "drop-shots" which resulted in a Middlebury victory, 7 to 0.

This past Tuesday, December 6, the team tallied up another victory (6 to 1) against rival Colgate. This win seems to reiterate two points that might have been lacking in the past — first, the team is a "strong" team, as captain Sandra Wagg says, and second, the team is able to maintain a consistent winning record throughout the season.

Coach Nancy Philips (a recent but valuable aquisition from the men's varsity squad) states that the squad seems to be riding high upon its own "team spirit" and that the team is certainly training and practicing "more like a team than last year." Coach Philips is also "amazed" at the present "strength" of the women's squad. As well, Captain Wagg purports that "intra-team competitiveness" will carry this year's team towards a .500 if not a winning season. She also interjected that the team is a unit overflowing with "optimism" about the future, and that most importantly this was a "fun team" to be involved with. After all, isn't that the bottom line?



Squash battles Colgate

Men

In the men's varsity squash team's first outing, at the Williams College Invitational Round Robin, the squad defeated a very spirited, if not fierce, Colby team 6 to 3. Unfortunately, due to the excellent competition combined with some very tight matches, the Hamilton squad did not fare quite as well as had been predicted by some. For a team which plays half its season within the span of three (yes, three!) days, the squad did rather well.

The next two matches against Fordham and Bowdoin were close ones with Hamilton losing 3 to 6 and 4 to 5 respectively. The second win — over a weak Vassar squad (8 to 1) — and the third close loss over a surly Columbia team (4 to 5) highlighted the second day of intense competition.

On Sunday December 4, due to scheduling problems, the Hamilton squad was required to play three back-to-back matches. This predicament is tantamount to playing two or three five-set tennis matches or two or three basketball games in a row. Therefore, one can imagine the incredible position the team was put in. The first Sunday match was against a strong Cornell team that possessed incredible depth from position 1 to position 9. As was expected, the Cornell squad won 7 to 2. After this the team had to play a newly rejuvenated Babson squad, and Hamilton won a close match 5 to 4. But then twenty minutes later the team was required to compete against what is probably its toughest opponent all season — as well as one of the toughest teams in the nation — the host team, Williams College. To say the least, Hamilton had a tough time, losing 8 to 1.

With the team's first eight matches behind them, and with a record of 3 and 5, the squad can expect as pretty solid season. Opponents range from the mediocre (Vassar) to the strong (Rochester). The men's squad can certainly surpass the .500 mark this year, and as usual team optimism runs high.

Fencers foil Vassar, SUNY Purchase

by Walter Biggs

On the afternoon of December second, nine bodies piled into a Hamilton van and travelled to the distant gymnasium of SUNY Purchase. The event marked the first time in over twenty years that Hamilton was represented by a full squad of nine fencers: a milestone for what is now only a young club working with a relatively small budget and lacking a coach.

Led by this year's new captain Walter Biggs, the club met with commendable success at Purchase. Overall, the Hamilton fencers defeated Vassar College in 15 out of 27 bouts, and SUNY Puchase in 11 out of 27 bouts, a considerable improvement over Hamilton's showing last year at the same tournament. Star epee fencer Greg Shin went undefeated in his six bouts. Chris O'Connor, sabre, won five of his six bouts; John Lucas, sabre, and Walter Biggs, epee, won four of their six bouts. The rest of the squad consisted of Nori Tomoyose, Trevor Tait, and Chinsok Kim, foil; Steve Gelber, sabre; Speke Wilson, epee.

Special recognition goes to Trevor, Chinsok and Speke Wilson, who fencing for the first time in competition with very little experience in their respective weapons, each won a bout. Several of their bouts were lost at "la belle" point (the winning point, when the score is tied at 4/4), a respectable defeat for any fencer.

Over the past five years the Hamilton fencing club has evolved from a loosely formed organization to one which practices regularly on weeknights under its own direction. Much credit is due to emeritus Captain Chris Wigger, '83, whose dedication to the club both during and beyond his Hamilton career is responsible for much of the club's spirit and success.

The club plans to compete at least once more away from the Hill this season. Preparations for Hamilton's second annual open fencing tournament are aso underway. Last year, the Hamilton tournament was attended by 29 fencers from five different fencing organizations. Eight Hamilton men and one Hamilton woman distinguished Hamilton by winning seven of the twelve trophies awarded at the tournament. Coach Gelas, Hamilton's first and only fencing master, whose career spanned 30 years of Hamilton fencing, would have been proud. During the 1930s, 40s, and 50s, Gelas led his fencers to national and state standings. Someday soon the Hamilton fencing club will rise to meet his fencers' accomplishments.

Everyone is talking about the fencing team

Harries look sharp at Cornell

by Bob Hazelton

On Sunday, December 4, the men's varsity track team finished remarkably well in the Cornell Relays, the first meet of the season. Besides Hamilton and Cornell, other teams competing in this non-scoring meet were Colgate, Syracuse, and Mohawk Valley Community College. A combination of experienced runners and talented, hard-working rookies sparked the team towards a fine performance.

There were many fine individual performances as well as good teamwork in this opening meet. Frosh standout Michael Alleyne competed admirably as he jumped 6'4" in the high jump. In the 50-meter high hurdles event, Alleyne got a slow start out of the blocks but finished the race with a respectable time of 8.2 seconds. The Hamilton distance medley relay team, which was comprised of seniors Jim Rest and Peter Tortolani and first-year students Peter Chapman and Paul Mickel, finished their race with a great time of 10:44. Coach Gene Long commented that this relay team "exceeded his expectations" with their performance. Hamilton's 4 x 400 relay team finished with a time of 3:35 despite the fact that senior Bill Brower fell while running the first leg. Hamilton's three other competitors in the race, Lee Manchester, Aeon Cummings, and Peter Chapman, did not give up and finished strong.

In the 4 x 800 relay race, which was run by Scott Alexanderson, Peter Tortolani, Paul Mickel, and John Mosse, the squad finished with a time of 8:35. Finally, Dean Pierce ran a personal best time in the open 5000 meter race with a clocking of 15:54.

Overall, Coach Long saw many things that pleased him in this meet at Cornell. Peter Tortolani and Peter Chapman both turned in gutsy performances as both ran in two races. In addition, Hamilton has discovered two quality 400 meter runners in rookies Lee Manchester and Peter Chapman. In general, Coach Long was quite happy with the times posted by the relay teams.

The team's next meet is the Syracuse Relays on Sunday, December 11.

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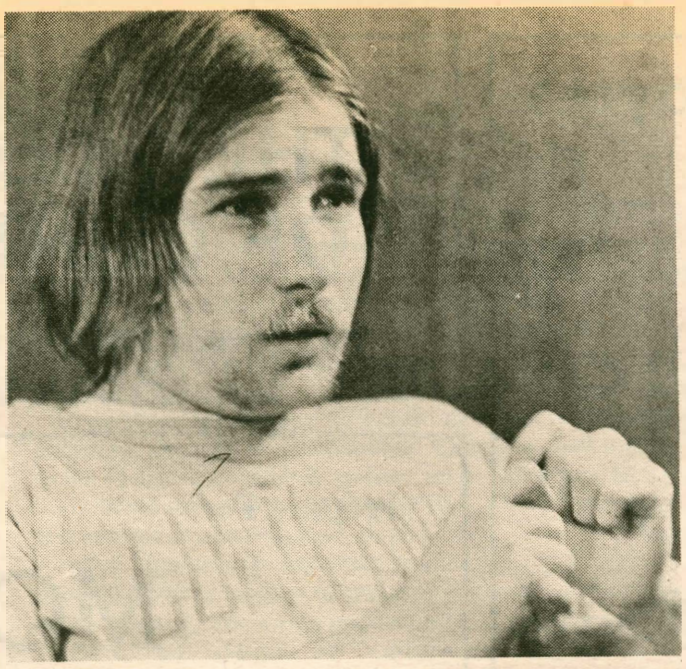

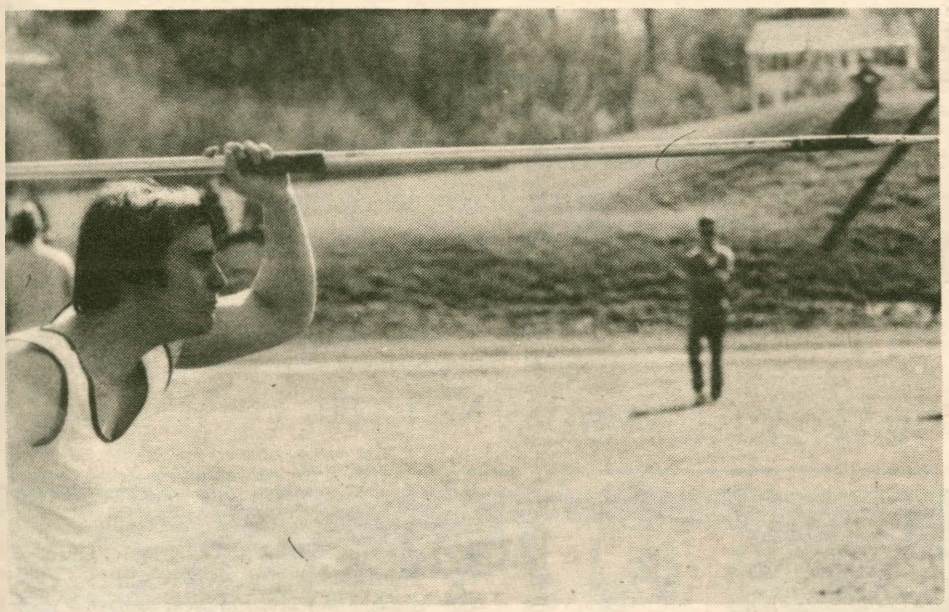

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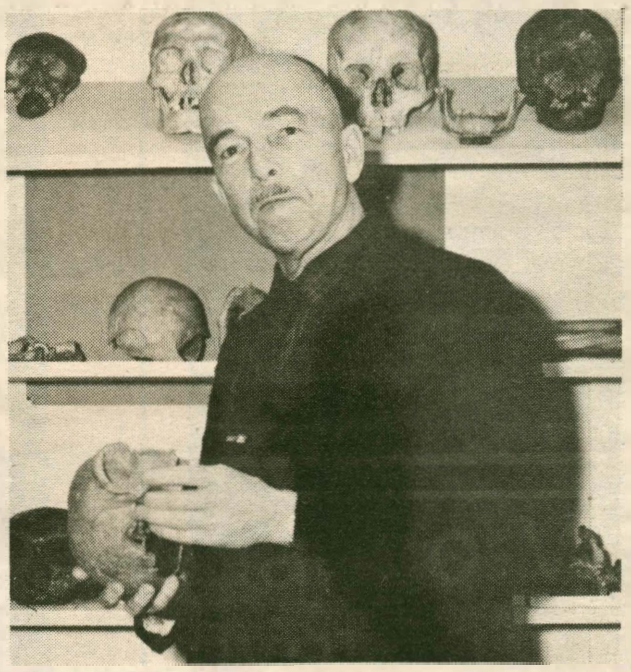

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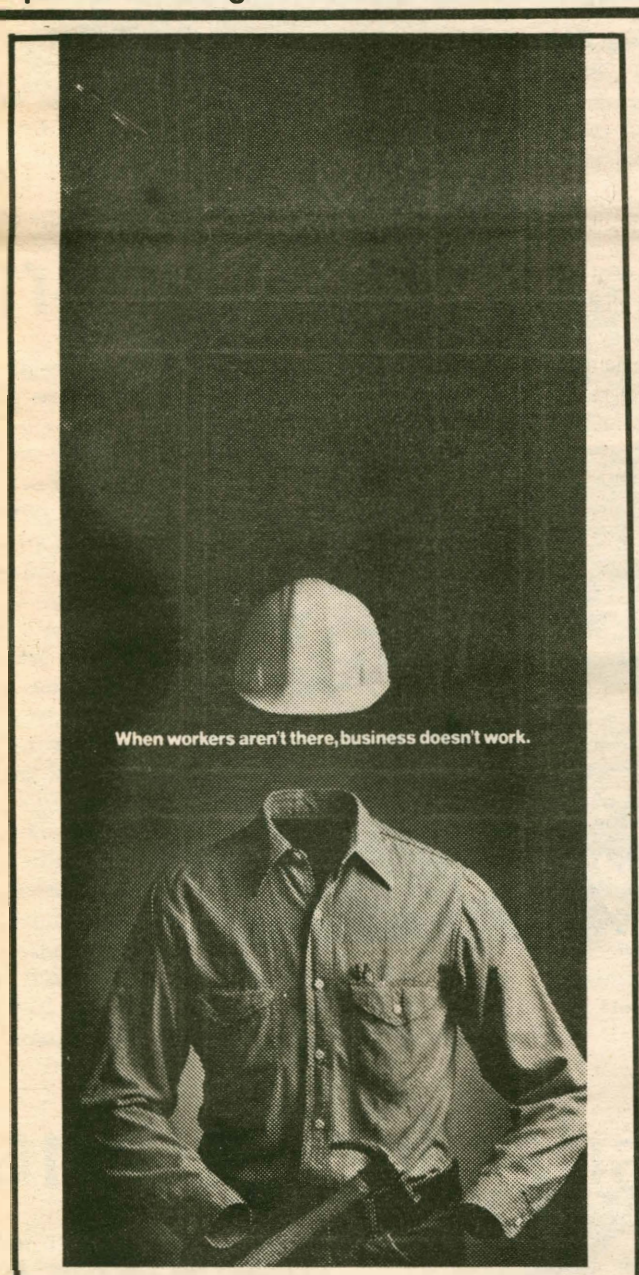

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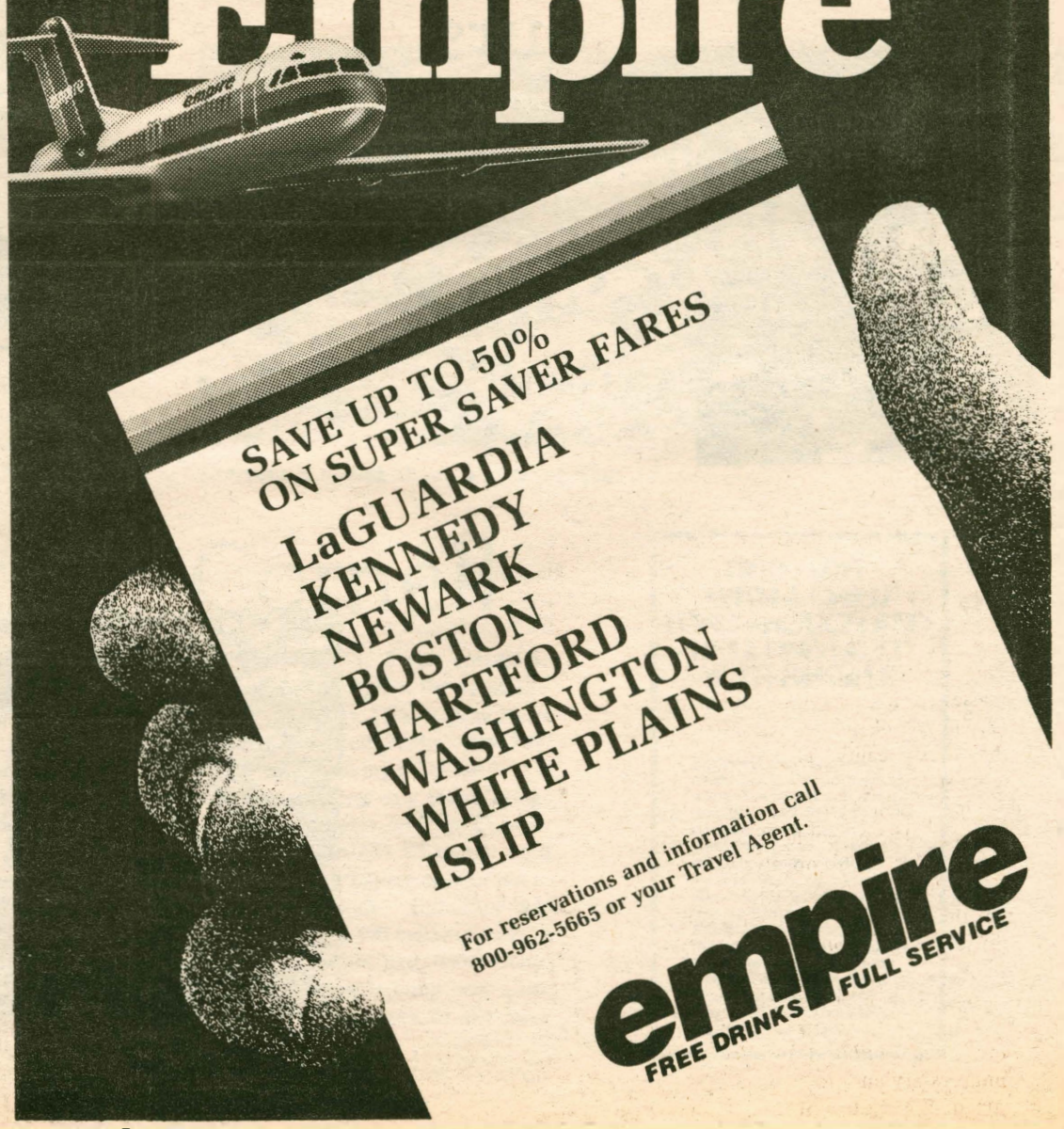

Letters

Todd versus frats

To the Editor:
To the Hamilton Annual Fund:
Dear Madame or Sir:

I recently received your request for a donation to Hamilton, the first I have received since becoming an alumnus last May. I have many fond memories of my years at Hamilton, and I believe my education was first-rate. Because of my love for the school, I am saddened that I must write this letter, but at the same time I take great satisfaction in it.

During my years in Hamilton, I became greatly concerned about the issue of fraternities on campus. I felt during my entire time at Hamilton that an attitude of extreme sexism and violence towards women pervaded the school. Time and time again, the fraternities' role on a co-educational campus was questioned, and time and time again these questions were, in my opinion, not satisfactorily answered. The existence of all-male fraternities constitutes blatant discrimination against women, and, to some extent, against independent males.

Often, the continued existence of fraternities at Hamilton was justified to me by people who said that if fraternities were simply abolished, alumni who held strong feelings for the fraternities would no longer donate any money to the school. Well, I believe it's time to turn the tables, so to speak. Be it known that I will not donate any money to Hamilton College until fraternities have been abolished. It is time that Hamilton truly becomes a co-educational institution.

I had hoped that this inequity would have been solved sooner but since it hasn't, I must do what I must. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours very truly,
Todd Feitelson '83

cc: The Spectator

A day of infamy

To the Editor:

Last week's editorial "December 6 — An Historic Day" is I feel, off base. First of all, I am aware of no special significance associated with December 6, with the possible exception that it was the day before the vicious attack on Pearl Harbor. Well, on to the issue.

The sexual preference clause is unnecessary. First, the morality or immorality of homosexuality is not here at issue. Second, homosexual rights are not at issue. Gay and lesbian rights are simply a form of human rights. Homosexuals at Hamilton *do* have their rights. Although intolerance is manifest, as it is everywhere, and no mere clause will ever be the cause in a diminishing of that harsh reality. The issue is, as the editorial stated, ". . . to *express* (the italics are mine) their [homosexuals'] sexual preferences. These people *should* (editor's italics) be able to do so openly, without fear of discrimination." As I have previously stated, this last section is unattainable. So the issue is *expression* (my italics) of sexuality. Expression of sexuality is unnecessary, whether by homosexuals, heterosexuals, or any other individuals. In general, *blatant public* displays of affection are unnecessary and, to some degree, to be disdained. We see few of these displays on campus and the ratification of this clause will probably not change their frequencies. However, should such a clause encourage displays of sexuality, it could change Hamilton's climate toward one of unnecessary publicity of what should be private activities.

I urge those who disagree to consider the following scenario: A pre-freshman (sic) comes to Hamilton with his parents for a tour. Should he (or she) like what he (sic) sees in terms of sexual displays, he (sic) may enroll at Hamilton for the wrong reasons. Should he (sic) be repelled, he (sic) may not enroll, again for the wrong reasons. Also, should the clause be adopted, deomographic questions regarding sexual preference will be included in the application. Long-range effects could include quotas of homosexuals and lesbians which the admissions office would have to meet to be safe from unfounded accusations of discrimination. Quotas of any sort, whether on sexual preference, race, colour, religion, or gender, are plainly and simply, ridiculous and, yes, discriminatory. Admission should be based on merit, not on what "category" an applicant falls into. I urge the trustees, who must still approve the measure, to prevent its addition to our anti-discrimination statement.

Sincerely,
Arthur S. Whittemore III '85

Don't clutter with banalities

o the Editor:

On December 6 the faculty voted "yes" on the move to have Hamilton publicly state that it does not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference. The decision now passes to the trustees, who will, it is hoped, show better judgment. The College now states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, age, handicap, or national or ethnic background. All of these factors have one thing in common: one's appearance, name or dress make them obvious. This is not the case with matters of sexual preference. Unless one ascribes to stereotypes, sexual preference can only be discerned by some overt action by an individual. My question is, because this is the case, why is such a clause necessary? Is a question to be put on the application asking whether one likes boys or girls?

In last week's editorial *The Spectator* supported people being able to express their sexual preferences. What place does this have in the admissions process? Should prospective students be encouraged to make advances on interviewers? Basically, I wish for some rational explanation for such a clause. If we accept this, shouldn't there also be stipulations, stated, on one's political, social and economic views? This seems more like an attempt to gain official sanction for a questionable life style than a sincere attempt to make the admission process more just. In our desire to make our personal views the status quo we should refrain from cluttering an important college statement with banalities.

John Vecchione '86

ELS and their nice tree

To the Editor:

We wish to set the record straight regarding the Christmas tree in ELS. Four members of the house took a tree located across from Bundy by Anderson Road. We were ignorant of the fact that the tree we took was a valuable, landscaped tree. Our intent was to get a nice-looking tree, not to disfigure campus property. However, we accept responsibility for our actions and have confessed to the administration. We will be making full retribution to the campus. Although we were obtaining a tree for the house, ELS should not be held responsible for our actions.

Names withheld upon request

Make me a request

To the Editor:

Presently I am a new music D.J. at WHCL-FM, and I feel that it is my obligation to explain the "new music" format. WHCL has decided to adopt this new format because we feel that it offers our listeners on the Hill and in the surrounding communities an educational alternative to other stations. These newly released albums are not featured on any other station in the area. Consequently, the responses to the new format have been very positive from the residents of this area and from many students at Hamilton. "New music" was chosen as the title for 60 percent of our programming time because it was a convenient catch-phrase to basically characterize a large group of individual shows. Each of the D.J.s are required to play five new releases per hour. WHCL by no means meant to infer that "new music" was limited to progressive or syntho-pop music. "New music" is merely a term and the quota of five songs can be fulfilled by new reggae, BPR, rock, progressive, and salsa releases. Thus, the rest of the hour is comprised of requests and personal choices by each D.J. If you do not feel that you are hearing the music that you particularly enjoy, I encourage you to make requests rather than listen to another station.

Sincerely,
Barbara Goodyear '86

WHCL and Broadway

To the Editor:

In response to the WHCL petition last week — one of the most entertaining shows on WHCL is Sunday's Broadway Show. Each week there is a new theme, and it is one of the only shows I listen to regularly. There's only one problem: the records are old. It's very disruptive to hear snaps and static over the air — not a nice accompaniment to *Cats* or *Camelot* or... Why spend so much money and effort on new music (which people don't seem to like), when Broadway could use it?

Sincerely,
Kim Amatruda '86

Assembly reports action

To the Editor:

As your representatives on the Executive Board of the Student Assembly, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some of the items which we concerned ourselves with this fall. Since September, the Assembly has:

1) Coordinated plans and funding for a Winter Carnival to take place on February 23-26. Tentative plans include a "Beer and Band," winter games, an outdoor barbeque, a winter ball, and a film festival;

2)Formed two committees dealing with the Pub. The first to identify problems with the present Pub and to suggest a plan for revising the Pub for the next year. The second will be a programming committee for the Pub to coordinate programming for the Pub, i.e. Beer nights, Wednesday Night Live, Monday Night Football, D.J. nights, etc.;

3)Besides completing its normal funding allocation duties, the Assembly has instituted new funding rules which will promote fiscal resonsibility, eliminate overlap, and over all, will insure that the Assembly's limited budget is utilized fully;

4) After a three-year absence of the *Course Guide*, the Assembly has initiated plans and funding for publication of the periodical containing student evaluations of fall and spring courses as well as an evaluation of tenured professors. Present plans call for its release in March '84.

Some of our concerns to be addressed in the spring by the Executive Board will include:

1. The formation of new rules and regulations governing the procedures of the Judiciary Board and the Honor Court;

2. Inclusion in the selection of the new Dean of the College;

3. Formation of new rules governing the Assembly's election procedures. Incidentally, this year's elections will take place earlier than before, to allow the new administration the opportuity to make appointments and funding allocations before the end of the school year.

As you can tell, the Executive Board is off to a productive start. However, we need more participation on behalf of the student body. We encourage you to contact us with your concerns, either personally or by attending one of our meetings.

Executive Board of the Student Assembly

Let's hibernate

To the Editor:

The older I get, the *oftener* (good word) I vow I'm going to move to Virginia or some other similar space where there are still four distinguishable seasons but which do not have the length or severity of the winters we endure.

This will probably never come about however, as when I weigh the pros and cons of life in the Mohawk Valley, the cons are in the minority every time. (Cons here having nothing to do with bars or stripes.)

I don't ski, or skate, or hunt, or fish, or swim, or any of these good things, so what happened to all those pros I thought I had? They must be the pros that conned me into thinking living here was the nuts!

Speaking of nuts, I must be because I'd rather live here than anywhere else.

My only regret is that I don't have the talent of a local celebrity named Rip Van Winkle.

Most of my friends (and foes) know by now that I have become a peony (flowers) nut. A different kind of nut from above. Once the blooming season is past, the fall dividing of tubers (roots) done, the replanting over with, all seedling attempts completed, and the flower beds set for the winter, I get very tired...

Seriously however, at this point, I simply do not want to wait for May to roll around and wish only that I could hibernate and wake up to experience the wonders of another springtime.

Who said that bears were dumb beasts anyway??

H. Henry Getchell
Class of Hard Knocks

Letters continued . . .

Letters

KDO thanks you for your balloons

The sisters of Kappa Delta Omega proudly announce that their Balloon Derby to benefit the Utica Food Bank was a great success. Approximately 500 helium balloons were released at the Parents Weekend football game, each with an entrant's ticket attached. Tickets were returned to Hamilton from all over New York state, but the following people held the winning tickets: 1st prize: Roddy Tojino (whose ticket went to Fillmore); 2nd prize: James Conboy (whose ticket went to Phelps); 3rd prize: Christa Oberthal (whose ticket went to Clyde).

Kappa Delta Omega would like to thank everyone who supported the derby and this worthwhile cause. The check presented to the food bank will help many families in the Oneida County get enough food for the holidays.

The Sisters of Kappa Delta Omega

Bifulco responds to fans

To the Editor:
Dear Amy Vail:

I'm truly sorry that you are under the misconception that I am against equal rights/opportunity. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If you check relevant portions of the Constitution of the United States, federal and state laws, I'm sure you will realize women are definitely provided for when it comes to "equal protection"

Still confused? Consult your local ACLU office.

Dear Mr. Orlando:

1. I have read *The Fate of the Earth*. In fact, I have read numerous articles detailing the horrors of a nuclear war. They had no influence upon me — I was already aware of the catastrophic effects.

2. I do not want a deployment of missiles *per se*. I desire an equilibrium of forces . . . which will only come about when the West can deal with the Soviet Union effectively from a military *and* political standpoint.

You probably watched *The Day After*. Did you also watch the panel discussion following the movie? I think the discussion provided a more effective means of nuclear war prevention than watching mushroom clouds rise over the Great Plains. Don't you?

Cordially,
Frank M. Bifulco '84

Donate bottles for bucks

To the Editor:
To all members of the Senior Class:

No one is really happy about the new New York State bottle bill. Most of us think it would be nice to collect bottles, but it is really too much of a hassle.

Many reason to themselves, "Well, it's only five cents . . . " I cannot agree with you more. Therefore, I offer a proposal. Save your cans and donate them to the senior class.

If each student donated two cans a week for the winter and spring semesters, the senior class would be at a minimum $2000 richer. All this for just 10 cents a week. Sounds easy.

A senior representative from each dorm will be asking for containers from your rooms. Please help support this cause. And, remember that this is a good way to get the bottles out of your room. After all, I know you students are too lazy to take your own garbage downtown for just 5 cents. So contribute your cans to the future unemployed seniors.

Thanks,
Bill Stein '84

Chi Psi and Christmas

To the Editor:
To the Hamilton College Faculty and Administration:

A recent turn of events has left ourselves and several other members of Chi Psi very upset. Chi Psi planned a Christmas party for the children (ten and under) of faculty members. Bob Reed, Chi Psi's Community Relations Chairman (sic), obtained a list from the administration showing which faculty members had kids under the age of ten. Fifty personalized invitations were sent out. In addition, more invitations were sent out to various departments in order to catch anyone we might have overlooked. The invitations asked all those invited to "please R.S.V.P. by Monday."The upsetting result

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Grinch took Christmas

Once on a mountain top far far away
was a college where folks went, to work and to play.
This is a tale of warmth and of cheer
Of the Grinch that stole Christmas from some students one year.
Toward the end of November came the season's first snow
Which covered the Hill from its tip to its toe.
Way down at the Lodge, the spirits were high
For a holiday celebration to be held at Chi Psi.
Yet somewhere on campus that year there was living
The Grinch, who hated Christmas, and the spirit of giving.
He looked at the Lodge and was filled with disgust,
And thought "I must trick them, and so earn their trust.
And then I will ruin Christmas, for each woman and man,"
So he sat in his chair and he thought of a plan.
You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch, and your heart is full of hate,
You would steal the very dog food from a starving puppy's plate
Mr. Grinch...
Down at the Lodge the boys' thoughts were of bids
And were planning a party for the faculty's kids.
Though it came around finals week, much time was spent
In planning this party, with the highlight of the event
To be an appearance of none other than Santa himself
With a couple of reindeer and a mischievious elf.
The food had been ordered; lots of cookies and punch
And the boys at Chi Psi all had the same hunch
That this party would be one of the best they had given,

Since this was the goal toward which they had striven.
The house had been decorated; adorned with bright lights
Giving a festive appearance when turned on at night.
But the Grinch knew all along that their plans would be wrecked.
For tonight he would put *his* plan into effect.
You're a foul one, Mr. Grinch, and the boys don't understand
How you could ruin this occasion after all that they had planned
Mr Grinch. . . .
The first step came quickly, could the faculty read?
Of fifty invitations, just five RSVP'd.
What could the boys do with the costumes and food?
No doubt this act dampened their high festive mood.
Then late one night, the old Grinch came around
And climbed up on the porch and tore all the lights down.
There was no Cindy Lou for the Grinch to deceive,
He could steal the lights quickly, and as quickly could leave.
So, Mr. Grinch, do you think your plan worked?
Sure, you dicked Chi Psi over, and the boys were all irked,
But don't you remember a similar story
Where Christmas was "cancelled" and the Whos were all sorry,
But they rose up above this, because Christmas they found
Was a lot more than parties with lights all around.
You can't steal the love, or the holiday cheer...
Too bad, Mr. Grinch — try again next year.

Stephen Durfee '85

Letters

More Chi Psi

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was that only five parties had the decency and respect to reply. We would like to thank the Bradfields, Medinas, Knops, Gradys, and Ms. Miller for showing such consideration.

Several members of the fraternity spent a great deal of time working on the plans for the party. However, the lack of response forced us to cancel the party and, consequently, waste a lot of our time. We have always understood the letters "R.S.V.P." to be a request for the invited party to respond either positively or negatively to their invitation.

Traditionally, fraternities were considered an integral part of the Hamilton experience. The College has changed substantially in recent years, and the administration and faculty have been quick to criticize the fraternal system because it has seemingly not kept up. The 1983 Adler Conference reports confidently that fraternities' "time on the Hill is limited" precisely because they have not changed with the College. Here is a clear cut example of a fraternity breaking the "drinking establishment" stereotype by making a concerted effort to be of some positive service to the community. The effort was generally ignored by an apathetic faculty and administration. How can we impress upon you that we are making an effort to change, and therefore to remain a valuable part of the community?

We see no excuse for the lack of replies. The invitations were sent out on Thursday, December 1, leaving more than enough time to make a simple phone call. If there are faculty members who tried to respond and could not reach us, this letter obviously does not apply to them. But those who received invitations and did not reply lead us to question the respect you have not only for what we consider general protocol but also for ourselves as fraternity members and as students of Hamilton College.

Peter Frankel '86
Tim Bradley '86

P.S. We would however, like to mention that not all of our efforts were unappreciated. Chi Psi put up decorative Christmas lights a week ago, and only a day later received a heartwarming card from some members of the Bundy residence staff thanking us for our display of Christmas spirit. We would like to thank them for their appreciation, but we must regretfully report that the lights have since been stolen.

Such beautiful banalities

To the Editor:

McEwen party mix aficionados received a rather unpleasant surprise this week when they were greeted by a new type of "mix." The new party mix suffers in all comparisons to the former. For starters the variety of items in the new mix has fallen drastically — and variety is the key to a successful party mix. A count of the old mix, taken about two weeks ago, showed a total of nine items. A count of the new mix shows a mere four items, two of which are pretzel type objects. Missing from the new mix are the elements that made the old party mix the rave of McEwen. Among the missing items are the savory corn chips, succulent wheat nuts and roasted peanuts. The things that are most sorely missed, however, are the lobster claws. Their somewhat marginal value as food was far surpassed by their fantastic visual appeal (they could be used as a graphic "garni") and the hours of dinner table fun they provided as you attacked your food, fellow diners, etc. The new mix is insipid and flavorless — out with the new and in with the old! (another instant tradition down the drain).

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Op-Ed

Political expediency and economic sense

Frank Bifulco

It stands out as the last statistical fact to annoy the Reagan Administration. With both inflation and unemployment down, it remains the sole plaything of the nightly networks. Politically, it is the only thing the Democratic candidates, particularly Walter Mondale, can cite as trouble from Reaganomics. It poses a threat somewhere down the road. Two-hundred billion strong the deficit has become the major issue on Capitol Hill. . . or will be, once our politicians start playing political football.

There are only two ways to bring down a deficit: increase taxes, or reduce expenditures. When it comes to reducing spending, the battle cry thrown up is "spending has been cut to the bone!" Don't be fooled; that is just an excuse for each politician to preserve his self-serving interests.

There are lots of areas to cut the budget, if Congress is willing. Start with defense spending. President Reagan is correct in saying defense is the first function of the national government. Nonetheless, there is some military spending which is simply not cost-effective. Modest cuts can be made in the defense budget without jeopardizing our national security.

Next are the entitlement programs. Aid to cities and states. Social security. Welfare spending. Can any cuts be made from here? Well, it would be unfair, if not politically impossible, to cut social security. Welfare type spending may be reduced slightly, but no massive savings will result.

Farm support programs will cost over $25 billion in fiscal 1985. Unless cuts are initiated, and the market is allowed to work, the surpluses and farm support programs will continue to grow. Likewise, the Administration is failing to limit health care costs. Substantial cuts in Medicare or Medicaid are unlikely.

O.K., so where are we going to get all these programs which are going to get trimmed? Where's the 20 or 30 or 50 billion in savings going to come about, barring a truly bipartisan deal whereby each congressman/woman reduces outlays in every district by a fixed percentage?

Not so tough. Just hit the big items. Like the Energy Department. Republicans ran on a 1980 Platform to dismantle it. There is no need to pay billions for the allocation of energy resources (particulary with prices stable). The market does it for free. KO the Department of Energy.

The Department of Education was formed by President Carter as a reward for AFL-CIO support. But since the furor over education, Reagan has forgotten his pledge to dismantle or abolish this agency, too. Nonetheless, since the strength of future education is likely to be at the state level and through private institutions, this department is undesirable. The growth of the education department has coincided with the sudden realization of a "rising trend of mediocrity" in our school systems. KO the Department of Education.

Finally, we get to the spending projects best labeled "miscellaneous." Under here ridiculous $8.4 billion IMF bailouts; funding of a multitude of Legal Defense Funds, the Legal Services Corporation (or is it *Lobbying* Services Corporation?), and "special" projects such as Operation PUSH. Also, we find literally hundreds of operations (most of them of a leftist tint) under the disguise of feminist, civil rights, peace, or other intentions.

There are a plethora of agencies, projects, and organizations which should be stripped of funding. They feed off the federal budget like leeches. Spending has not been cut to the bone; the knife has not even been brought out. A well-traveled Washington observer recently noted:

If the average taxpayer knew — if he ever dreamed — what Tip O'Neill and past Democratic congresses, or even the Reagan Administration's lower echelons, have actually done with his hard-earned money, he would grab a fire-ax off the nearest wall and go after the big spenders with blood in his eyes.

Op-Ed

Hamilton and epigrammatic attempts

Amy Vail

I am afraid I have not often displayed the great facility for epigram manifested by my worthy predecessor, John Mack. But people have been asking me to. "Hey, Amy, when are you going to write some epigrams?" So I thought about it and discarded the idea: surely it's been done better than I would. And, frankly, these one-liners do not come easy to me. But I am willing to offer you a selection, now, of some of the epigrams and rules for a civilized life that four years of more-or-less cynical discontent on this Hill have brought forth. You will like them better than the diatribe I had planned to write on the evils of compulsory Phys. Ed.

1.Champagne is like money: only too much is enough.

2. Employment may be divided into three catagories:

I. Well paid (Testing Xerox machines)

II. Worth the effort (typesetting)

III. Neither (serving Shawn potatoes at the Irish festival)

3. Never wear anything 100 percent polyester. (Credit for this goes to S. Schroeder of Smith College.)

4. Avoid drinks with embarassing names (e.g. Fuji Volcano, Yellow Rattler). They are rarely good for your digestive tract.

5. There is no such thing as too many books. There is such a thing as too few bookcases.

6. Lobster is proof positive of a benefi-cent Supreme Being.

7. Brown socks don't get dirty.

8. Never get into a drinking contest with a Bavarian.

9. Being a woman: A joke the punch-line of which you are not privileged to have been told.

10. House-plants are a form of tyranny.

11. Small children make houseplants look like freedom.

12. Never try to cook *wiener schnitzel* without some form of fat in the pan.

13. An ulcer: Nature's way of saying you're more nervous than you thought you were.

14. Never having eaten a plover's egg: The reason one might not commit suicide.

15. Never going to be able to afford one: the reason one might.

16. Writing poetry without a form is playing tennis without a net.

18. Cat-haters: future condominium owners in the Dismal City.

19. Death at the stake: A pleasant alternative to dinner at Commons.

20. The Three Square Meals: That lovely piece of modern art in Bundy. (Each section represents a meal. Breakfast is light; dinner, dark; supper, totally black.)

21. How to live: Excess in Moderation.

22. Death by little old lady: What happens when you talk to strangers on trains.

23. The study of Chinese: Where you remain a beginner of five years.

24. Nonsequiter: College Phys. Ed.

25. Kosher wine: Can be made cheaply by combining grape Kool-Aid and grain alcohol.

26. Marijuana: A habit which should be given up on the 16th birthday.

27. New Wave is passe.

28. Existentialism: The Cosmic Cop-out.

29. Masochism: Buying a chess machine.

30. A liberal-arts education: Pie in the Sky. Macaroni and cheese on reaching the ground

31. Hopelessness: A week in a row with no mail from off campus.

32. Grounds for man-slaughter: Talking during *Dr. Who.*

33. Never buy pistachios before paying the rent.

34. NEVER SAY HOPEFULLY.

The funky life of Tiny Habib

CARNEGIE BLOWS!
MY TINY ROOMMATES ARE DEAD? WHO'S GOING TO DO MY SCHOOL WORK? MY THINKING?
HABIB SURVIVES!
... FROM PLAYING BASEBALL!

Winter term: Life in the fast lane?

Dave Stookey

Well, once again winter term is just around the bend for the Hamilton campus. If you've been here for more than a year, you can probably already anticipate the hours of agonizing monotony that will soon stare us in the face for three-and-a-half weeks in January. The shock of changing from a hectic fall term schedule to being bored out of your skull is enough to drive anyone to drink, drugs, and downright decadence (not necessarily in that order). What really hurts is when your friends go abroad for the term, leaving you to face January alone — a terrifying prospect, to say the least.

Winter term does, however, have its strong points (about two). Since everyone else is in the same boat, there is no shortage of parties, and alcohol flows freely. Unfortunately, about half-way through the second week, even the most ardent of "party animals" grows weary of waking up in snowdrifts outside Dunham at 3 am, unable to utter his own name and room number. About this time, heavy party activity drops off to almost nothing. Students begin to realize that they are hard-pressed to find non-destructive entertainment. Once in a while the Kirkland Film folks surprise the campus with a good movie, but most students have already learned not to rely on Hamilton films regularly. Your last hope in your fight against boredom is to frequently leave the campus. If the snowfall is the same this year as it was last January, the Ski Club is *not* the answer, unless you enjoy wallowing in the mud at Toggenburg.

Your best bet is to acquire a vehicle or a friend who owns one. Last year, as a humble freshman (sic), I asked one of the deans about bringing up a car or cycle. She explained that the reason for the "no-car-for-frosh" rule was to teach first year students that Hamilton is a *residential* community. Naturally, I paled at the thought. No one knows better than a freshman (sic) that there is no easy escape from Hamilton. Somehow, though, hearing the idea voiced hit me hard. If you are a freshman (sic), try to get a car, and get off the meal plan as soon as you can. These moves alone can make the monotony of winter term just a bit more bearable.

The academic side of winter term blends right in to the coma-like pace that is Ham Tech in January. The student choosing winter term courses has essentially two choices. He can go full boards by signing up to "build his own computer," and fight for his sanity as he tries to connect dozens of miniscule wire leads to computer microchips for a staggering six hours a day. At the other extreme, he can choose a "Plants and Man" type course and face ridicule from friend and foe alike for taking a "gut" course. And God help the poor soul who gets none of his choices and has to take a "bottom of the barrel" course. This grim possibility could mean you will have to participate in quite a blood bath to end up with a decent course.

As much as I like Hamilton, I expect to have my loyalty put to the test once again this January. One of my only consolations is that I'm finally beyond the menacing clutches of the ARA.

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Events

Friday, December 9

★ Last Day of Classes!!!
- Board of Trustee Meetings
- *UUURGH!!! A Music War*. K-J Aud. 8 & 10 pm.
- *What's Up Tiger Lilly*. Science Aud. 8 & 10 pm.
- *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. Chem Aud. 8 & 10 pm.

Saturday, December 10

- Reading Period.
- Board of Trustee Meetings.
- Graduate Record Examinations (GRE's). General Exams. Science Aud. 8 am.
- Men's Swimming at Hobart. 12 noon.
- Graduate Record Examinations (GRE's). Subject Exams. Science Aud. 2 pm.
- Women's Ice Hockey vs. Oswego. Home. 2 pm.
- Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. List Recital Hall. 6:30 pm.
- Men's Varsity Basketball vs. Manhattanville. 8 pm.
- *Kramer vs. Kramer*. Physics Aud. 8 pm.
- *UUURGH!!! A Music War*. Science Aud. 8 & 10 pm.
- *What's Up Tiger Lilly*. K-J Aud. 8 & 10 pm.
- *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. Chemistry Aud. 8 & 10 pm.
- Black & White Party sponsored by IDC, Program Board, IFC. Featuring *Sunrise*. A Campus Fund Benefit. Commons Dining Hall. 9 pm-2 am.

Sunday, December 11

- Reading Period!
- Chapel Service. Rev. Jeffrey Eaton. Chapel. 10:30 pm.
- Indoor Track. Syracuse Relays. 12 noon.
- Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel. 1 pm.
- *Stage Door*. K-J Aud. 3 pm.
- *Kramer vs. Kramer*. Chemistry Aud. 8 & 10 pm.
- *UUURGH!!! A Music War*. K-J Aud. 8 & 10 pm.
- *What's Up Tiger Lily*. Science Aud. 8 & 10 pm.
- Midnight Christmas Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel. 12 Midnight.

Monday, December 12

- Reading Period! (Real long time to catch up on courses, huh?)
- Lecture. Huston Smith, Emeritus Professor of Religion, Syracuse University: "The Primoidial Tradition and Study of Religion." K-J Red Pit. 8:30 pm.
- *Stage Door*. K-J Aud. 9 pm.
- Happy Birthday Jamie!!!

Tuesday, December 13

- Final Examinations Begin!
- Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel. 12 noon.
- *Stage Door*. K-J Aud. 9 pm.

Wednesday, December 14

- Final Examinations Continue!
- Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel. 12 noon.
- Faculty Club Dinner. BCC 2nd Floor Lounges. 6:30 pm.
- *Stage Door*. K-J Aud. 9 pm.

Thursday, December 15

- Final Exams Continue.
- Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel. 12 noon.
- Christmas Carol Sing sponsored by the Hamilton Club. The "Hill" and the College Community are cordially invited. BCC Dwight Lounge. 4:30 pm.
- Disco & Salsa Music to benefit Campus Fund Drive. McEwen Coffeehouse. 9:30 pm.

Friday, December 16

- Final Exams Continue!

Saturday, December 17

- Final Exams Continue!

Sunday, December 18

- Final Exams End. One Term To Go!
- Chapel Service. Rev. Jeffrey Eaton. Chapel. 10:30 am.
- Neman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel. 1 pm.

Miscellaneous

- Van drivers needed for service to airports and train/bus stations on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, December 15-17, and on Monday January 1. Pay: $3.35 per hour for several hours. Sign up in the Dean of Students Office, K-J 104.
- For all those interested in becoming WHCL casters or reporters for Winter term, there will be a general meeting, January 3 at 7 pm in the Physics Auditorium. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are still interested in working on the WHCL news staff, please contact Joe Ricio at 859-7200 or 859-7443.
- The Student Assembly is seeking persons interested in serving on a committee to coordinate programming at the Pub. Anyone interested should contact Tom Finn through Campus Mail before break.
- Outing Club will be sponsoring a slide show extravaganza during winter term. Anyone who has slides from an "adventure" and is willing to make a presentation, please contact Jamie Donahoe before break.
- Night hours for the Hub and Pub are: Monday — Thursday: 9:00 pm — 1:00 am. Friday and Saturday: 9:00 pm — 2:00 am Sunday: closed.
- The deadline for submitting manuscripts for the annual Wallace Bradley Johnson Playwriting Competition will be 4 pm, Thursday, February 16, 1984. Mrs. Delaney or Mrs. McLellan in Root Hall 116 will receive them. The plays to be produced will be announced on February 20, and production is scheduled for March 16, 17, and 18. Further information is available in Root 116 or from Mr. Strout (Root 304; x4218).
- Sylvia Saunders is offering various planters for sale at reasonable prices. Bud vases and glass bowls are on display at her home, 6 Griffin Road; 853-2725.
- Utica Transit Authority announces bus service from Hamilton College to Sangertown — See Schedule.

Hamilton College Night Service
Thurs-Fri

Outbound		Inbound		
Hamilton College	Clinton Circle	Sangertown	Sangertown	Hamilton College
7:05	7:10	7:25	7:30	7:55
8:00	8:05	8:20	8:30	8:55
9:00	9:05	9:20	9:30	9:55
10:00	10:05	10:20	10:30	